



RUC accused of standing by in face of violence and intimidation Mob rules as strike grips Ulster

- Police in full riot gear took to the streets of Northern Ireland after mob violence and intimidation swept through the province.
- Thousands of people stayed away from work and shops and schools closed as the 24-hour "loyalist" strike against the Anglo-Irish agreement took hold.
- Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, condemned Unionist leaders for failing to control the "hoodlum element" in a "so-called peaceful protest".

By Richard Ford

Mob violence and widespread intimidation erupted across Northern Ireland yesterday as the 24-hour "loyalist" strike against the Anglo-Irish agreement effectively paralysed large areas of the province.

Last night after vicious rioting in working-class east Belfast, police in full riot gear broke through makeshift barricades and dispersed a crowd of about 50 youths who had gone on the rampage.

As the strike headed into its final hours Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, denounced the police against numerous allegations that they had stood by as people were intimidated by loyalist pickets.

Mr King angrily denounced the leaders of the Official and Democratic Unionist Parties for doing little to control "hoodlum element" in what he described as a "so-called peaceful protest". He said: "I find it incredible that people who claim to be loyalists and supporters of the Crown actually put this appalling strain on the police."

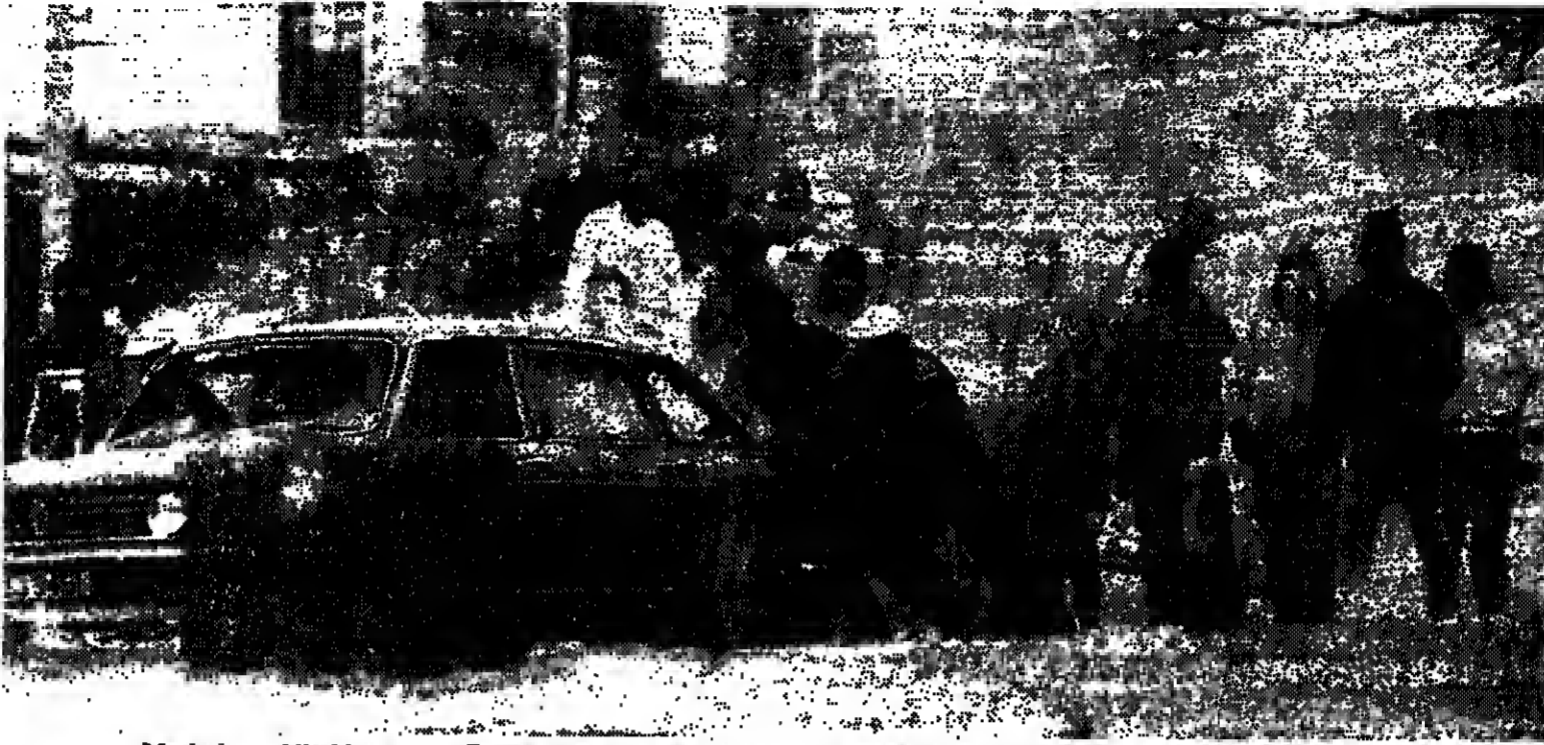
The deputy leader of the SDLP, Mr Seamus Mallon, accused the RUC of a blatant abrogation of their duty saying there were two sorts of law: one for the loyal sons of Ulster and another for other people.

But Sir John Hermon, the Chief Constable, appeared on television to say there were bound to have been shortcomings but overall there had been "sterling police work in the interests of the whole community".

The degeneration into violence of what Mr James Moynihan, leader of the OUP and the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the DUP, had wanted to be a dignified and peaceful protest came as no surprise to the Government.

However there was concern at how quickly the protests snowballed into trouble and moderate Unionists fear that hardline elements will be encouraged to step up their campaign.

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Masked men hijacking a car in Belfast to add to a barricade in the Shankill area during yesterday's Protestant strike

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Meanwhile, 500 workers began a two-day strike at the BL Unipart spares depot at Horspath near Oxford

Land Rover bids to beat deadline

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

A management team led by Mr David Andrews, BL director, was the sole bidder to have emerged last night for the state-owned group's Land Rover operations.

But General Motors of America, which has been drawing up its proposals for more than nine months, said it would meet the Government's deadline of midnight tonight and formally lodge its proposals.

The Laird Group, the engineering company which owns the Metro Cammell Weymann coach business, was up to last night the only bidder for the BL bus operations.

A confident Mr Andrews said last night that a stock market flotation of Land Rover could take place within two years of a successful management buy-out.

Mr Andrews, director responsible for BL commercial vehicles, said the existing management, the financial institutions and banks backing them and stockbrokers were agreed that a stock exchange listing and flotation were possible and would provide capital for the continued development of the Land Rover, Range Rover and the Sherpa van model range.

"This would give us a solid equity base and set us on course for a Jaguar-style take over," Mr Andrews said.

The Department of Trade and Industry made clear last night that the much-criticized deadline applied to the Ley-

More face sack by Kremlin

From Christopher Walker Moscow

More heads are expected to roll in the top echelons of Soviet industry following a damning indictment of recent economic mismanagement in the USSR delivered yesterday in a keynote address to the 27th Communist Party Congress by Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the new Soviet Prime Minister.

Launching an ambitious blueprint to revive the flagging economy by the year 2,000 and double national income, Mr Ryzhkov laid most of the blame for present difficulties on mistakes made during the era of Mr Leonid Brezhnev.

The Prime Minister - who has day-to-day responsibility for running the economy - singled out many individual Soviet ministries and other state bodies for bitter criticism.

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Grants by GLC lawful ruling

By Hugh Clayton Environment Correspondent

A High Court judge yesterday cleared the way for a £105 million "spending spree" by the Greater London Council and two other Labour-controlled metropolitan councils.

Mr Justice Macpherson ruled that spending plans by the GLC, Greater Manchester Council and West Midlands County Council, all of whom will be abolished at the end of this month, were lawful.

Conservatives immediately appealed against the judgement, which cuts across the efforts of ministers to deny the GLC what they call "a life after death".

The judgement allows the GLC to fund for a year after its abolition hundreds of voluntary groups that it has financed in the years of Labour control since 1981. It also allows it to hand over £40 million crucial to Inner London Education Authority.

Mr Justice Macpherson accepted that some GLC decisions might have "political or social overtones which may please some and dismay others". Ratepayers would get the decisions they deserved from councillors they had elected "in this case as in many others".

It was not for the court to rule on the popularity of such decisions. None of the seven councils to be abolished was bound to hand over surplus revenue to councils that would take over afterwards. There was no impropriety or irrationality in the spending considered yesterday to justify court intervention.

The total at stake in yesterday's case exceeded £100 million. Westminster conceded that about £20 million should be allowed because it had been cleared by ministers. Greater Manchester Council was allowed to spend almost £9 million and West Midlands almost £1 million.

The Westminster appeal will begin on Monday. Law report, page 27

Greek tanker explodes in Bay of Biscay

Brest (AP) - A 70,000-ton Greek tanker, the Galini, exploded and caught fire in the Bay of Biscay yesterday, killing and seriously injuring crewmen, the French Atlantic rescue centre announced.

Falmouth coastguards said two crewmen were killed, three injured and 28 were missing.

The tanker was about 200 miles off the French coast when there were "many explosions followed by fire". Helicopters evacuated the injured to Spain.

Tomorrow True or fake?



The Times, with the help of leading art historians, solves the \$6 million mystery of the Getty museum's Annunciation. The tragedy of Jessica. One parent's story of a cot-death.

Portfolio

There is £6,000 to be won in today's Times Portfolio competition because there have been no winners for the past two days. Portfolio list, page 28; how to play, information service, page 32.

Swedish hope

Sweden's new leader, Mr Ingvar Carlsson, promised to continue the policies of his assassinated predecessor, Mr Olof Palme. He will be sworn in next Wednesday. Page 7

Riot arrests

Cairo authorities have arrested seven people, including a lawyer, accused of leading police riots in which 37 people are known to have died. Page 5

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Cold spell shows sign of ending

By a Staff Reporter

Britain began to warm up yesterday after the second coldest February of the century - but forecasters said that spring, officially due at the end of the month, is still a long way off.

Yesterday's temperature was the warmest since the end of January when it rose to 45 F but it was still well below the seasonal average for March of 48 F.

From today the weather will continue to approach the seasonal norm though conditions will be changeable with spells of rain.

Despite the improvement in the weather, emergency cold weather survival kits were being sent to old people packed by volunteers from Age Concern.

The kits, worth about £20 each, include thermal underwear, fuel stumps, a powdered drink, chocolate, soup, advice on keeping warm and on allowances they may be able to claim.

The 150th running of the Waterloo Cup has been abandoned because of the freeze. The running grounds at Alicker, Southport, were still deeply frozen when inspected at noon yesterday. Forecast, page 32

Hopes grow for teachers pay deal

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The two sides in the teachers pay dispute were inching towards a settlement last night after the second biggest union apparently conceded a crucial point.

Prospects for an end to the one-year dispute look good after the teachers and employers agreed to insert two new paragraphs in the deal.

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers agreed that industrial action should not continue for the duration of talks which are expected to start soon on major reforms to the profession. They are to be under the auspices of the Acas conciliation service.

The NAS/UTW did not insist that local authority employers withdraw letters sent to teachers in 70 areas threatening to dock pay for refusal to undertake "voluntary" duties such as covering for absent colleagues. Instead, it agreed to talks at local level about the letters.

Nor did employers insist on a definition of what constituted a return to normal duties, which lets individual NAS/UTW members off the hook.

"The parties will advise their constituents that for the purpose of the Acas talks and so long as those talks are in progress, no action should be taken which is likely to make the existence of the letters the basis of a dispute," the crucial new paragraph said.

The other said the two sides would take such steps as they could to make sure calm was restored to the schools.

10p rise in medicine charges

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Prescription charges are expected to rise by 10p from next month with a similar 5 per cent increase in charges for National Health Service dental treatment.

The increase, to be announced in the next fortnight, will take the prescription charge to £2.10 after it has already risen ten-fold, well ahead of the rate of inflation.

Dental charges, where patients pay the first £17 and 40 per cent of the cost thereafter, are expected to rise by 5 per cent.

The increases will come as the British Medical Association is pressing ministers to review prescription charges, claiming that the present system is "flawed, anomalous, inequitable".

Dr Michael Wilson, chairman of the association's general medical services committee, said some patients were deterred from seeking treatment because of the prescription charge, which in certain cases is more than the cost of the medicines.

The association criticizes the blanket exemption from charges of the elderly and children, which takes no account of patients' ability to pay.

Uranium plant scare

An employee of the Capenhurst, Cheshire, factory of British Nuclear Fuels Limited was contaminated with uranium during routine maintenance work.

The company said that less than a thousandth of a gram of virtually inactive metal was involved, and there was no question of a leak during the incident on Sunday.

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The plant was built in the early 1950s.

The purpose was to increase the proportion of uranium 235 in material needed for weapons. Natural uranium ore is mainly in the form of uranium 238, and only 0.7 per cent is in the fissionable form of U235 that can be used to create a nuclear chain reaction.

Anglican split threatened over moves to Rome

By Clifford Longley

A formal split in the Church of England is being threatened by one of the senior evangelical groups in opposition to Anglican-Roman Catholic unity moves.

Church Society, which is leading a vigorous campaign against unity between the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church, says it is preparing to set up a "continuing Church of England", parallel to the existing Anglican church. This would maintain "the rites, ceremonies, and doctrines of the Protestant Reformed Religion, as by law established".

A society spokesman said

bodies are currently being held all over the country to discuss what response the Church of England should give.

Church Society claims to have evidence that in a few cases proper debate is being denied, and that the two statements are being forced through by the diocesan bishop. The council of the society discussed these reports last week, and decided to issue its threat of a split.

The threat will nevertheless cause no great surprise in the Church of England, for Church Society has been hostile to Anglican-Catholic unity from the start and its public statements have been taking

an increasingly strong tone. Its director is Dr David Samuel, former secretary of the Protestant Reformation Society, who organized a small protest against the Pope's visit.

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and demand for them has been heavy, according to the society.

A spokesman estimated that more than a thousand clergy might want to be members of the "continuing Church of England", and they were prepared to see a national network of dioceses and parishes. The threat is an ironic echo of a warning given by the Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, last year, that Anglo-Catholics might start a "continuing Church of England" if the General Synod persisted with the ordination of women. Dr Leonard and Church Society are at opposite ends of the church spectrum.

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Customs starts new controls to counter gold bullion fraud

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Customs officials will today announce new regulations for the bullion market in a fresh attempt to prevent main dealers such as Johnson Matthey Bankers being abused by value-added tax gold fraudsters to net millions.

According to Customs sources, JMB and other dealers have only accepted current voluntary controls when it has suited them.

On other occasions it is suspected that firms have opted out because of fears their share of gold trading might be reduced.

JMB has continued to opt in and out of controls, according to Customs and City sources, since the Bank of England took control of its affairs after its collapse with losses of £240 million in 1984.

The controls amount to paying VAT direct to Customs rather than to the third party selling the gold. Today Customs will announce that from April all the 100 dealers accepting the control system will have to stick rigidly to paying the VAT direct to the Government.

The change has been agreed with the main figures in the gold market and Customs is confident VAT frauds will be eroded. Since 1981 over £60 million has been lost in VAT frauds involving £400 million in gold sales.

Customs and the Treasury first began to take measures when the gold frauds started to emerge early this decade.

In November 1984 Customs started a system whereby gold dealers could pay VAT on gold purchases direct rather than to the vendors who were supposed to pay the 15 per cent to Customs collectors under the regulations.

The attraction of the system for Customs officials was that it should have prevented situations where vendors smuggled gold into Britain, created false companies and sold their gold into the legitimate market.

The smugglers or their go-betweens were paid the market price for their gold plus the VAT. By the time Customs officials moved in to claim payment the smugglers and the VAT had vanished.

But the system was discretionary for the dealers and some dealers paid the VAT to Customs on some occasions and not on others.

Investigators suspect this might have been done by some dealers because gold on occasion was being offered at a good price and dealers were keen to retain their share of gold sources although it meant paying the VAT to the vendor.

In defence of the dealers it is said that they would pass the VAT to the traders because they might be well-known firms against whom there could be no suspicion of fraud.

'Loyalist' intimidation locks off Catholic areas of Ulster

By Richard Ffrnd

"Loyalist" pickets used road blocks and human barricades to effectively seal off large unionist areas of Northern Ireland yesterday. Throughout the province, the 24-hour loyalist strike was accompanied by intimidation and violence. In many areas the protest against the Anglo-Irish agreement quickly slipped into sporadic violence and attacks on the Royal Ulster Constabulary and men and women wishing to work.

Gangs of loyalists, many in paramilitary-style uniforms, some wearing masks and black balaclavas, congregated in city streets and roamed country towns to enforce the message. "Ulster says stop".

In loyalist areas public houses closed, shops shut and roads in many areas were scoured with the blackened marks of burning cars. Glass was strewn across streets and wrecked vehicles were dumped in side streets.

In Belfast, the pall of black smoke was a frequent sight in working-class loyalist strongholds to the north and east of the city.

Some of the worst violence occurred in the city centre when hundreds of youths went on a rampage at the end of a lunchtime rally, attacking a modern public house, and overturning cars and setting them alight.

Outside a bar built and run by Roman Catholics, demonstrators screamed "We know you" while others threw bricks and sticks through plate glass windows as they fled along two streets in a commercial area. The attacks

were indiscriminate and were met with laughter and cheers by young and old alike.

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Civil Servants seek 17% pay increase

Pay rises averaging 17 per cent were sought yesterday for 350,000 Civil Servants, in a claim submitted by four unions.

The Civil and Public Services Association, the Society of Civil and Public Servants, the Inland Revenue Staff Federation and the Civil Service Union agreed the common claim for £10 a week plus 10 per cent from April 1.

They also want "tangible progress" towards the introduction of a minimum wage and a government commitment to allow Civil Servants to catch up with other workers.

The unions say they have fallen behind by 30 per cent. The First Division Association, for senior Civil Servants, is lodging its own claim, and the Institution of Professional Civil Servants has decided to negotiate with the Government on pay proposals turned down by the other unions.

Specialist supports Savage

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The decision by Tower Hamlets Health Authority in east London to suspend Mrs Wendy Savage over allegations of incompetence was totally unjustified, a specialist in obstetrics said yesterday.

The inquiry into her future as an obstetrician was told that Professor Jurge Grudzinskas, her head of department, was saying even before he took up his appointment in 1983 that "his first task was to change his senior lecturer," the post Mrs Savage held.

Professor Ronald Taylor, professor of obstetrics at the medical school of St Thomas's and Guy's, told the inquiry that he considered Mrs Savage competent. "I would be perfectly happy to work with her," he said.

In the five cases over which she is charged with incompetence there were "quite a number of instances where things occurred which one would have preferred not to have occurred". But they did not warrant the charge of incompetence.

There were many small issues such as a mother going into labour anaemic, and one or two other circumstances "where I think I would have taken different views".

He told the inquiry of a conversation he had with Professor Grudzinskas at the Athenaeum Club in London after Professor Grudzinskas had been appointed, but before he took up his appointment.

"I was trying to be helpful and asked him how things were going and among other things he told me that his first task was to change his senior lecturer."

Although Professor Grudzinskas did not name Mrs Savage, Professor Taylor said he found the comment "a little bit disturbing".

He said: "I was a bit worried" and passed on advice that he had been given when appointed a professor himself that it could take 10 years to get a department working the way you wanted it to. Mrs Savage was suspended in 1985.

Professor Taylor told the inquiry that Mrs Savage was at the opposite end of the spectrum of obstetric care but that he thought she stood "fairly close to me". Her practice fell within the ambit of "what is medically acceptable".

The inquiry continues today.

Lloyd's call on Hailsham

The Prime Minister has been asked to instruct Lord Hailsham, of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, to get rid of his interests in the Lloyd's insurance market.

Mr Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch, last night tabled a Commons written question asking for Lord Hailsham to act before the Financial Services Bill reached the House of Lords.

New terminal will not cut congestion

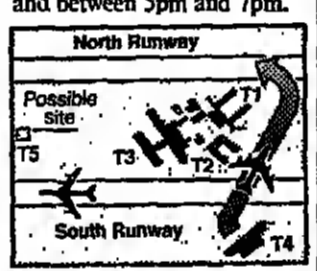
By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

Heathrow's £200 million Terminal Four will not mean any extra flights at the hard-pressed airport this year, it was confirmed yesterday.

Unlike the existing terminals, it is outside Heathrow's main runway system, so aircraft using it will have to cross a runway used for take-off or landing.

Air traffic controllers say that Heathrow's south runway adjoining the terminal, due to be opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales next month, will have to be blocked off to aircraft up to six miles out for up to 40 seconds each time a plane has to taxi across it. The

terminal is expected to handle 100 to 150 flights a day. That means that an expected improvement from 34.5 to 35 movements an hour on the runway this year will not take place, and congestion may occur between 10am and noon and between 5pm and 7pm.



Planes using terminal four will have to cross a runway

Pickets and wire rule roads

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solve. It is best just to let the people have their head."

The roads between Belfast and the border were almost totally deserted. The Customs men at Newry reported that traffic from Belfast was practically non-existent. The busy arterial roads yesterday contained only a few private cars and a little local traffic.

In staunchly loyalist areas even garages which stayed open on Christmas Day closed yesterday. Shops, banks and even the bars and pubs were locked and bolted.

Even the smallest towns had barricades of vehicles or debris blocking the main exit routes. They were manned often by youths hiding their faces with scarves bearing the colours of local Protestant football teams. Some were

allowing doctors and nurses through. Others were not.

The mood was angry and sour. "We would eat grass rather than go into a united Ireland which is what this agreement would lead to," said a quarry man at the head of the roadblock outside the little town of Tandragee. His fellows crowded around and injected their own comments in bitter bursts.

"They want to sell us into the hands of the Pope."

"Tom King is a robot like all the rest before him. They have all been programmed with the same tape."

"We have been bombed and shot at for 16 years and the result is this agreement. The question we now ask ourselves is: does violence pay?"

"Every time we express our will in a vote the ballot papers are torn up by Westminster and thrown in our faces."

"Thatcher is in the pay of Reagan and the BBC is the voice of the IRA."

Reports were coming through on the radio of intimidation in Belfast. They were furious. In areas like this there has been no need. "There is no need. Here everyone is solid in saying no to the agreement."

In areas like Portadown, a staunchly Protestant town with a significant Catholic minority, near whose homes the shops were yesterday trading as normally, and where support for the strike was not unanimous, the alternative, as the men at the barricades were so ready to demonstrate, was clear.

C'EST HARRODS AVEC L'ACCENT FRANÇAIS

A breath of fresh French air is blowing through Harrods. Until April 12th we shall be celebrating the chic and savour-faire of life across the Channel — so near and yet so different. Fabulous fashion, avant-garde furniture, beautiful porcelain and classic crystal, and, naturellement, delectable food and wine from the great regions of France. At the heart of it all, our Central Hall has been transformed into a Provencal village, complete with market square, fountain and small shops. So for a tantalising taste of living à la française, visit Harrods for the most exciting promotion we have ever staged.



Fudging to the edge of Armageddon

By Richard Dowden

Soon after Mr Robert Maxwell took over the Mirror Group Newspapers in July 1984 he said: "People in MGN know that I do not bluff."

He was threatening to close down the four titles if the unions interfered with production. It is a threat he has repeated publicly at least six times.

Mr Maxwell's style has been to threaten Armageddon in public and then negotiate with dire threats hanging over the union negotiators. But his success in achieving the one-third cut in staff at MGN has come less from his public posturing than his division of the company, so that he could have recourse to the 1982 Act concerning secondary picketing in the event of a strike.

The first confrontation came over the *Sporting Life*. It was losing £3 million a year and he wanted to move production from Fleet Street to south London.

In mid-August last year printers registered their objection to this move by disrupting production of the other titles. Mr Maxwell halted their publication, drew up dismissal notices for the journalists and said that the printers had dismissed themselves by breaking their contracts.

The *Sporting Life* was to be sold. "Historic," Mr Maxwell said. "Nothing remarkable in the changes in working practice". Mr Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the National Graphical Association, said:

Mr Maxwell said later: "If production at Holborn Circus is interrupted once more, the decision to abandon the printing of all MGN titles at Holborn Circus will be irreversible and further negotiations will be useless."

It was in November that his biggest battle started. Almost out of the blue he announced that he would close the papers unless the unions would agree to lose 2,000 jobs by the end of the year. He was "not bluffing," he said.

He issued dismissal notices to all 6,000 employees and said he wanted a genuine fresh start. A few days later he offered to withdraw the dismissal notices if the unions would negotiate the redundancies. The unions, having learnt their lesson, refused to negotiate until the threat of dismissal was lifted. Sogot voted to strike.

Mr Maxwell's first reaction was to stop production but within 24 hours he reversed his strategy and decided instead to bring out the papers in spite of the strike. So he

threatened to dismiss any NGA members who did not help to bring out the paper and threatened to enter a single union agreement with the electricians.

Talks ensued and a day later normal publication was resumed. Mr Maxwell agreed to withdraw dismissal notices. The union agreed actively to seek "a deal over the MGN survival plan".

At the end of the year, some time after the deadline for agreement had passed, Mr Maxwell announced a miracle. "That's not too exaggerated a word," he said. The union had agreed to 2,100 redundancies, all but 300 of them voluntary.

A bid to buy the two Scottish papers, the *Daily Record* and the *Sunday Mail*, owned by Mr Maxwell, was launched in Glasgow yesterday.

Today presses start to roll

By Robin Young

New technology willing there are some 5 million copies of a new newspaper on sale today. Mr Eddy Shah's colour tabloid *Today* started to roll off the presses at Poyle, near Slough, Birmingham and Manchester shortly after 6pm last night, editorial deadlines having been brought forward in the interests of printing as many copies as possible.

Mr Shah's new project revolutionised Fleet Street before a single copy was printed. The prospect of a low-cost competitor using the full capabilities of new print technology including full page make-up by computer has galvanised established Fleet Street management into modernization programmes of their own.

The announcement of Mr Shah's plans signalled the start of a race to the London dockslands in which first place has been settled by Mr Rupert Murdoch's success in transferring the four News International titles, including *The Times*, to his Tower Hamlets plant in Wapping.

Mr Shah predicted yesterday that the launch of his paper spells the end of Fleet Street. "I do not think I can be blamed for that. Fleet Street was a mess even before I was born and change has long been overdue," he said.

Mr Brian MacArthur, the *Today* editor, said: "There are lots of people out there who would love to see us fail, but we are over our teething problems. The last dummy issue which we prepared for Sunday was the best we had done, and we feel that we have got everything together at once. We are tremendously excited."



Mr Shah (left) consulting Mr MacArthur, the editor, during production of *Today* last night.

Dummy issues of the newspaper have been produced regularly since February 25, although none was prepared on the eve of the launch so that production staff had full opportunity to ensure there would be no last-minute hitches with their machinery as the launch issue was being printed.

"It is frightening and absolutely shattering to your confidence when a computer system fails because you never know how long it is going to last", Mr Jeremy Deedes, the managing editor, said.

One computer failure in the newsroom last week lasted two hours, but Mr Deedes said that was a risk with all computer systems.

Mr Shah's company, News (UK), is involved in litigation with the company which originally wired its electrical systems, which are said to suffer from electrical interference. The editors were confident yesterday that the problem had been completely remedied.

Mr MacArthur expected to attempt an more than two edition changes last night, but Mr Shah claims that when the newspaper's technology is fully tested it will be possible to have a reporter's account of an event on the printed page within 15 minutes, and colour pictures within two hours.

The staff were pleased with the reception for *Today*'s first television commercial, in which they were seen donning dark glasses and shouting, "We're ready, Eddy."

Today is distributed by a network of franchisees, including W.H. Smith. Leading article, page 13.

Lea drive to ban The Times

By Alan Hamilton

The controlling Labour group on the Inner London Education Authority has launched a campaign to have *The Times* and other News International publications banned from the capital's schools and colleges.

Miss Lesley Hammond, chief whip of the authority's Labour group, has written to every Labour-nominated school and college governor, urging them to pass a resolution cancelling orders for News International papers.

The letter says: "Labour governors may wish to draw attention to the plight faced by print workers and their families by tabling a resolution to the next meeting of their governing bodies which would call on the school or college to cancel orders of newspapers owned by News International."

Similar action at a Staffordshire public library has led Mr John Riley, a barrister, to threaten to apply to the courts.

Leaders of the print union, Sogot '82, announced yesterday that they intended to step up their campaign of addressing Labour Party and trade union groups in the hope of persuading further councils and other bodies not to buy News International papers.

The company's management expects to meet Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, this week for exploratory talks on the dispute over the company's Wapping plant.

Aids unit set up in prison

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

An Aids isolation unit is being set up in Brixton prison to treat the growing number of inmates in Britain's jails suffering from the fatal disease, the Government confirmed last night.

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, said in a Commons answer last night that part of Brixton prison's hospital complex will be converted into an isolation unit for treating patients suffering from infectious diseases, including Aids. So far at least one prisoner has died from the disease.

The 12-bed unit will be staffed by prison hospital officers, and take Aids victims from any prison in Britain.

A spokesman for the Prison Officers Association said yesterday there had been growing concern among members about the Aids. "Prisons have a much higher proportion, compared to the outside world, of homosexuals and drug addicts who are the main groups at risk."

"Prison officers are more at risk than most people because there is always the risk they may be bitten by a prisoner, or be infected by a scratch."

Winchester prison was closed to the outside world yesterday after an inmate died from meningitis on Saturday (Peter Evans writes).

A second prisoner was in an outside hospital, and others had influenza-like symptoms, which could be meningitis but had not been diagnosed.

Increase in election cash

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, yesterday raised the limit for candidates' expenses at parliamentary and local elections.

Parliamentary candidates in county constituencies will be able to spend up to £3,240 with 3.7p for every elector, compared with £2,700 and 3.1p per elector at present. In borough constituencies the amount per elector going up from 2.3p to 2.6p.

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Bishop 'suspicious' of gifts for man to get salvation from devil

The Bishop of Chichester said yesterday he had been told that Mr Derry Marjoram, the self-confessed Satanist, was "baptized" in blood.

He had also heard that Mr Knight had dedicated to Satanism by his grandmother before he had been born; the Rt Rev Eric Kemp told Maidstone Crown Court.

Dr Kemp was giving evidence on the 11th day of the trial of Mr Knight, aged 46, of Dormans Land, Surrey, who denies obtaining more than £200,000 by deception.

Dr Kemp, aged 71, said that the Rev John Baker, the rector of Newick who was raising money for Mr Knight from committed Christians, had told him that more than £200,000 had been raised for him after he had already purchased a chalice, sceptre, ring and other regalia for about £70,000.

He said that he first heard of Mr Baker's fund-raising efforts for Mr Knight at the end of June 1984 and had become increasingly concerned and eventually reported the matter to the police in November 1984.

Dr Kemp said that Mr Knight would wear the Satanic regalia while he sat within a pentacle in the Satanic Temple, an underground air-raided shelter in Hockley Woods, Essex.

"There was a gold piece fitted over his toes and fastened around his ankle. There was also a gold headpiece which covered the place where he had had a trepanning operation on his forehead, which had involved the insertion of two discs connected with communication with the Devil", Dr Kemp said.

"There was also a disc, which I was not clear about at the time, and talk of an inverted cross. Mr Baker told me that when Mr Knight wore these items standing in the temple he went into a trance and the Devil spoke through him, giving commands to other leaders of the order."

Mr Baker had told him later that the items were being kept by a jeweller in Eastbourne,

East Sussex, then that they were with a jeweller in East Grinstead, West Sussex.

Dr Kemp said he insisted there should be verification that the items had, in fact, been bought after money had been paid over, and suggested to Mr Baker and the Rt Rev Lloyd Morrell, then Bishop of Lewes, that they should see them or have photographs taken of them.

But Mr Baker told him that Mr Knight had refused, claiming the Satanists would become suspicious and jeopardize the operation.

Mr Knight claimed he needed money to buy the regalia and destroy it to extricate himself from Satanism. It is alleged he used the cash obtained from wealthy Christians on high living, fast cars and girls.

Dr Kemp said that he first heard of Mr Baker's fund-raising efforts at the end of June 1984 and had immediately phoned the rector to ask what was happening.

Mr Baker told him that Mr Knight was a grand archdeacon in a Satanic order in Essex, who owed £7,500 to other members of the order, but who wanted to leave to live as a Christian.

By the end of July, Dr Kemp had decided he wanted more investigations and appointed two people to look into the matter further.

Dr Kemp said he became increasingly concerned and reported the matter to the police on November 30, 1984.

He had met Mr Baker on

September 25 to discuss the problem and had been introduced briefly to Mr Knight.

The next day Mr Baker told him that Mr Knight had just announced further items of regalia would have to be bought, including a gold collar, a set of gold keys and a throne, thought to be in a house in the East End of London.

On February 20 last year he met Mr Baker and was told that the throne was in a flat, off Pall Mall, central London, belonging to the head of the order.

"I was told it was in a particular room in which it was surrounded by water and that Mr Knight would have to pay about £10,000 to enter the room", Dr Kemp said.

He said he became strongly suspicious that Mr Knight was playing a confidence trick when more and more money was being demanded to buy more items of regalia.

"I said I thought it was a very strange thing that Mr Knight should regard himself as so totally dominated by the Satanic objects", he added.

"And I thought that if he really wished to become a Christian there was a fairly simple way of penitence and committing himself to Christ and receiving absolution."

Under cross-examination by Mr Michael West, QC, for the defence, the Bishop insisted that he did not discuss the situation with Mr Knight because he had been told that Mr Knight did not wish to meet him.

Mr Michael Warren, a farmer and former High Sheriff of East Sussex, told the court that he handed over a total of £55,500 to Mr Baker between October 1983 and February 1985.

Mr Warren said he shared the opinion of many of the doers that no prosecution should have been brought against Mr Knight.

He described Satanism as "very much a potent source of evil in this country, and every step should be taken to stamp it out and free people from it."

The case continues today.



The Bishop of Chichester leaving court yesterday



The Omnitron 2000 robot shows a touch of high technological efficiency as it panders to one of mankind's little weaknesses. The robot, making an appearance at the Future Home 2000 display at the Ideal Home Exhibition, is made by the Japanese firm Thomy and is due to go on sale shortly for £400. (Photograph: Peter Trevnor)

Making art feel at home

The Arts Council is trying to coax the flying ducks and blue-faced Chinese girls down from the walls of the British living room and put "real art" in their place.

With the department store, Liberty, it has erected a Hollywood-style Greek temple, which it calls a "living art pavilion", in the middle of the Ideal Home Exhibition, inside are 60 paintings, sculptures, drawings and photographs, by modern British artists, which have been chosen to demonstrate how good modern art can look in a domestic setting.

If a David Hockney colour lithograph, "View of Hotel Well 2", is a bit steep for most at £3,000, a pen and ink drawing of a sheep by Henry Moore costs £800, less than having one's bathtub covered into a whirlpool.

Photographs seem to be the best bargain, however. A striking black and white shot by former Life photographer George Rodger of a zebra doing what is fashionably called a Maori insult, can be had for £100.

The Arts Council says it wants to encourage private support for the arts, alongside the burden it bears itself.

With a vast backdrop of the National Gallery overlooking the scene at one end, and King George V's declaration that "the foundations of national glory are set in the homes of the people" writ large at the other, conscientious visitors to the exhibition should not fail to get the message.

The Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition is open at Earls Court from March 4 to 31.

Damages claimed from late father for loss of mother

A brother and sister who saw their parents die in a car crash claimed damages yesterday in the High Court from their father's estate for the loss of their mother.

Mr George Smith, aged 57, a clerk, was largely to blame for the crash in which he and his wife Mary, aged 47, a hotel secretary, died in 1979.

Deborah, their daughter, who was aged 16 at the time, was knocked unconscious and suffered serious injuries. She was in hospital for six weeks undergoing extensive surgery and has lost the sight of her right eye.

She is aged 23 now, married and living in East Looe, Cornwall. She has already received almost £41,000 for her own injuries.

David, her brother, who was aged 11 and is now 18, has been paid £2,500 for his injuries after suffering pain, shock, bruising and cuts.

The children also shared in the £7,250 paid to their father's estate for the accident. His car was in a head-on collision with a bus at Sutton Green, near Woking, Surrey.

Mr Roy McAulay, QC, for the mother's estate, told Mr Justice Cauley that the accident was "a catastrophe for what had been a happy family".

The children had nowhere to go before being taken to by a distant relative in Highfield Road, Northwood, south-east London, where David, who is unemployed and still affected by the deaths, continues to live.

Mr Smith's estate, the Thames Valley and Aldershot Omnibus Company and the driver all admit liability for the accident but are contesting the amount of damages they should pay for the mother's death.

The brother and sister had to make a claim against their late father's estate for the damages for their own injuries and for the loss of their mother, as it had been agreed that he was largely responsible for the accident.

In effect it is the father's insurers and the insurers of the bus company and their driver who would pay. The case continues today.

Police 'lie in 30% of trials'

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Perjury by police officers is believed by barristers to occur on average in three out of every 10 trials in both the magistrates' and crown courts, according to an article in this week's *New Law Journal*.

A straw poll of 55 barristers conducted by Mr David Wolchover, a member of the criminal bar for 14 years, showed that 75 per cent said that in their experience that was a reasonable estimate.

Eight barristers sampled (15 per cent) thought it occurred in only one or two trials in 10.

"Obviously these figures do not mean that 27 per cent of London police officers habitually commit perjury. The statistic relates to trials, not individuals."

Derelict land still increasing

By Hugh Clayton
Government spending of more than £350 million on reclamation has failed to stop the growth of derelict land, experts appointed by ministers reported yesterday.

Professor Anthony Bradshaw, professor of botany at Liverpool University, who led the study, said that the only available figures for the whole of England showed that almost 17,000 hectares of land had been reclaimed from dereliction between 1974 and 1982. That is equal to about half of the area of the Isle of Wight.

In the same period the amount of land classed as derelict had risen from 43,273 hectares to 45,683 hectares, *Transferring Our Waste Land* (Stationery Office, £9.95). Letters, page 13

Violence check on children

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

The Independent Broadcasting Authority will try to gauge the effect of television violence by "deprogramming" 50 normal schoolchildren who might be affected by viewing violent incidents nightly.

The experiment comes amid increasing concern that television violence desensitizes young people's tolerance of aggression in society.

The IBA research team will attempt to "resensitize" the schoolchildren by talking about aspects of television in schools and then measuring whether they become less aggressive.

The study will also attempt to measure whether unemployment affects the children's attitude to violence.

Mr Robert Towler, the IBA's head of research, emphasized that the experiment would be based on the "hypothetical" notion that television had a desensitizing effect.

But he said that courses in television literacy in schools were likely to become commonplace in the future.

"The amount of unregulated material that will come into the home is going to grow. People will, over the next few years, come to realize that you can't block things at source, but you have got to face the kids themselves and education is going to be important."

Abuse Bill for young at risk

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A compromise on a Conservative MP's proposals for more safeguards for child abuse victims is being discussed in an effort to win government support.

The Government has made clear it intends to oppose the private member's Bill put forward by Mr Dennis Walters, MP for Westbury, which would require the approval of a magistrates' court before a child, placed in local authority care because of ill treatment, was returned to its home.

The Department of Health and Social Security wants Mr Walters to drop that proposal from his Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill, which has received a second reading in the Commons.

Officials are concerned that the proposal, launched in the wake of the Jasmine Beckford case, will cause delays and introduce inflexibility into situations where responsiveness and sensitivity are needed.

Officials are also against piecemeal legislation when an overhaul of child care law is underway which is likely to lead to a coherent body of law.

But Mr Walters and the Bill's sponsors, who come from all parties, would prefer to put forward a modified formula, so that at least some limited measure of control is introduced into current procedure in cases of child abuse.

Gowrie to head Sotheby's

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Lord Gowrie, the former Arts Minister, is to take over the chairmanship of Sotheby's in Britain towards the end of this year. Mr Julian Thompson, the present chairman of Sotheby's, will step down and take over the chairmanship of Sotheby's International, the post taken up by Lord Gowrie when he joined Sotheby's last autumn.

The chain of command within the Sotheby's empire will now run from the proprietor, Mr Alfred Taubman, chairman of the board, to the chief executive, Mr Michael Josley, to the two regional chairmen, Mr John Marion, for the Americas, and Lord Gowrie for the rest of the world.

Mr Thompson pointed out yesterday that it had been considered incorrect to put Lord Gowrie in charge of the British company directly after his resignation as Arts Minister, as there might have been clashes of interest. After he has spent his first year learning about the firm on the international side, he will be brought back to Britain.

The United Kingdom operations, and the world east of the Atlantic, will be run by Lord Gowrie, Mr Thompson, who will also be United Kingdom vice-chairman, and Mr Tim Llewellyn, managing director of Sotheby's in the United Kingdom.

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£1,700 for sheep loss

A woman whose dogs were seen chasing sheep was ordered to pay £1,700 compensation yesterday to a farmer who lost 29 sheep after they had been savaged.

Miss Kelly St John, aged 24, formerly of Bradford, West Yorkshire, but now of Rotherhithe, east London, denied that her two black chows were responsible.

She was convicted by magistrates at Bradford of being

Heart girl is improving

Kirsty Vowles, aged three, of Ridley's Court, Pound Hill, Crawley, Sussex, the world's youngest heart and lung transplant patient, was improving steadily yesterday in Harefield Hospital, Middlesex, where she underwent a five-hour operation on Friday.

French birds pay price for victory

By Tim Jones

Five French cockerels, which were released during a rugby match, have had a stay of execution.

French fans released the birds after their team beat Wales at the international stadium in Cardiff on Saturday.

Fans laughed and cheered as Inspector Ralph Evans, of the RSPCA, and a ground steward raced on to the pitch and tried to capture one of the birds.

The birds were unable to fly to safety as they had been painted red, white and blue.

At least one of the confused cocks had ribbons in the

French national colours tied around its neck

Last night, the birds, all apparently in good health, were being cared for at the Merthyr Tydfil home of a society inspector.

The birds, which had been smuggled across the Channel by fans, could introduce fowl pest or other diseases into Britain. Because of this they may be killed.

Mr Bert Thomas, an RSPCA superintendent, said: "I think people who do this are heartless. It is terrible to subject these birds to what is probably a frightening experience, of stuffing them under

jackets or into holdalls and releasing them in front of tens of thousands of people."

Mr Ray Williams, secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union, said they were totally opposed to the practice but as 60,000 people attended the match it was unrealistic to body search each fan.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture said the birds would be held in quarantine for 35 days to see whether they carried any disease.

"If they are healthy they will be all right, so long as good homes can be found for them. If not..."

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Plan to improve Welsh valleys

ENVIRONMENT

Details of a new initiative to improve the environment of the South Wales valleys were given in the Commons by Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, when he opened a debate on Welsh affairs.

Besides road and rail communications on which there was a great deal which could be done to improve the valley environment, this was especially true of the town centres and the areas leading to them, where poorly maintained buildings and damaged environment had so short the enormous attractions which the valleys had to offer.

Where communities had sound ideas and the willingness to back them, the Welsh Office would focus the many existing mechanisms of assistance and would also make available additional resources to reinforce them and to promote the contributions which were necessary from the private sector.

Westland shares

Investigations by the Westland helicopter company have revealed that one of the six shareholders said to have a 20 per cent shareholding in the company is TNT Ltd, an Australian company.

apart from special capital allocation of £3 million for housing priority estates projects, much of which would go to the valleys. Inevitably the bulk of developments under this initiative would fall in later years and those planning these projects could work on the assumption that the Government would want to reinforce successful schemes in the years ahead.

Health authorities were having to face up to difficult decisions about priorities. That would always be the situation because funds could not be infinite while demand was virtually unlimited. They were dealing with the problems of an expanding service and changing needs and the allegations of widespread cuts were false.

There was considerable concern about waiting lists which had risen under this Government just as they had under the last. There was one difference between the situation then and now and that was that already by 1984 they were treating 63,000 or 18 per cent more in-patients than in 1979 and 51,000 or 12 per cent more out-patients.

the number of patients treated and in the range of services had been far greater than under Labour. It was a remarkable achievement. Health authorities had been checking on their waiting lists and reported that in many cases the numbers included double counting. But that was no consolation to the patients who were having to wait and he was now undertaking a major exercise with health authorities to try to get on top of this long-standing problem.



Jones: Do something for the elderly

industry in South Wales had undergone a major change, hastened and made more severe by the miners' strike. The workforce had responded very positively to good management and the result had been a dramatic increase in performance. Productivity had increased by 46 per cent in eight months and the coalfield, which had been losing £100 million or more a year, expected to break even in the March quarter.

The Welsh Development Agency and Mid-Wales Development were working up further programmes to help job creating business activity in rural areas. He hoped to announce details within the next few weeks.

The growth of the long-term unemployed was a particularly disturbing aspect. During the past year they had more than doubled the number of available places on the community programme and the Manpower Services Commission was well on the way to meeting the June target of 20,500 filled places.

Under the urban programme they had increased resources from £21 million in 1979-80 to £29 million in 1986-87. It had proved possible to approve 200 new schemes at a total cost of £14.4 million for 1986-87, which represented a 53 per cent increase in the value of new schemes approved over 1983-86.

visions of an unpopular Bill. Ministers had underestimated the disquiet and opposition to it. The Secretary of State wriggled somewhat on the issue of rates. It had been estimated that since 1980-81 something like £451 million cash had been lost to Welsh local authorities in terms of rate support grant and penalties.

The concept of funding the valleys was welcome. Any help for these beleaguered communities was most desirable. If the scheme could be enhanced with much greater cash backing it would be better still. What was being offered initially in terms of the coalfield and valley communities was not enough.

Mr Barry Jones, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales, said the Secretary of State should raise in Cabinet the need for extra help for old people in Wales during the present freezing weather. The Principality's housing problems were arguably the worst in Britain. It was these leaking, draughty homes, particularly in south Wales that contained the elderly people who were very much at risk.

Tebbit's time on ministerial duties

QUESTIONS

Mr Norman Tebbit was challenged in the Commons about the amount of time he spent on his duties as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

He said he devoted as much time as necessary to carry out those duties. Fully and effectively Mr Tebbit, who is chairman of the Conservative Party, said he estimated that last week three hours was required for them.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) does he recall that his predecessor (the Earl of Gowrie, who was also Minister for Wales) could not manage on £33,000 a year in the job he had, and that he went to other fields to feather his nest?

Minister hopeful despite many pit closures

COAL MINING

There was no truth whatever in the allegation of conspiracy by the Prime Minister and Mr Ian MacGregor in ensuring the coal strike took place and the allegation was nonsense. Mr Nicholas Edwards, the Secretary of State for Wales, said during Commons questions.

Wales was probably reaching the end of the long historic process of decline in the coal mining industry.

Following the closure of several consistently uneconomic collieries, the NCB had no current plans for further closures in South Wales and the industry could look forward to much greater stability and renewed development.

compassion and concern, of the effect of the Government's policies on the South Wales valleys? A report published today by the Department of Trade and Industry suggests that regional policy is effective and has created more than 600,000 jobs in Britain in the last 20 years.

Mr Robert Harvey (South West Cymru, C) Can he give any estimate of the number of jobs lost as a result of the regional investment policy to provide the jobs and infrastructure we need to replace jobs we are losing?

Mr Gareth Wardell (Gower, Lab) Has he got any plans at all to increase the proportion of the working population living in parts of Wales eligible for regional development grant?

Best wishes for Lord Chancellor

Congratulations and best wishes to Lord Halsbury of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, following his marriage on Saturday, came from all sides of the House of Lords, when he took the Woolpack at the start of business.

Lord Ervyn-Jones, a former Lord Chancellor, said everyone had been delighted at the news, both in the House of Lords and outside.

Nuclear waste protest

Mr Douglas Hogg (Grantham, C) unsuccessfully applied for an emergency debate on what he described as the anxious, potential financial loss and planning blight caused by the announcement that Fulbeck Airfield in his constituency was a possible site for the disposal of nuclear waste.

Timescale for Leyland bids 'laughable'

The timescale for bids for Leyland vehicles - to counter the principal contender, General Motors of the United States - was laughable and made a mockery of the Government's claim to be serious about alternative bids.

He said the Government's refusal to extend the deadline was coupled with a refusal to provide appropriate information to enable Lancashire Enterprises Ltd to come up with properly costed bids for Leyland vehicles.

Opposition picture of arts funding false

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, countered Opposition claims that the Government's picture of the arts was painted in a totally false picture.

Mr Luce: I agree entirely. The picture painted by some of the Opposition is a caricature of the truth. It is wrong and the Government has increased funding.

Edwards denies arm twisting

The Government would look at the capital structure of the Welsh Water Authority when it came to privatise and consider what was necessary in order to have a sensible structure.

Mr Barry Jones, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales, asked if ever in this late stage Mr Edwards would serve to exempt Wales from water privatisation proposals.

Mr Edwards: We will look at the capital structure when we come to privatise and consider what is necessary in order to have a sensible structure. It is not the principal constraint on the capital programme at the present time.

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Medicine blacklist fight by epileptic

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

The Government is to face legal action over the blacklist of drugs for which the National Health Service will not pay. Mrs Belinda Chandler, aged 24, an epileptic patient, is to sue Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, after being denied treatment that her doctors believe is necessary.

Lawyers see it as a test case that could lead to an appeal system being introduced to allow individual patients to receive blacklisted drugs if they have a clinical need. The move comes after a local family practitioner committee refused to discipline a doctor for breaking the rules and prescribing a blacklisted drug for Mrs Chandler.

It is now joining her GP, Dr Paul Millard, in pressing ministers to introduce an appeal system for individual patients. Dr Millard, a family doctor in Newbury, Berkshire, said yesterday that Mrs Chandler, who has been an epileptic since the age of six, suffered from epilepsy and a benign brain tumour which made control of her epilepsy more complex.

The one drug which appeared to help her after she was seen by specialists in neurology at Oxford, was Anxon, which went on to the blacklist of drugs when it was introduced last April. "It is basically a tranquilliser and is not usually used to treat epilepsy," Dr Millard said yesterday. "But in her case it clearly works."

When the limited list came in we tried alternative permitted drugs and her epilepsy returned with a vengeance. She could hardly go out to put the milk bottles on the doorstep in case she had a fit, much less go to work. The West Berkshire Family Practitioner Committee has written to Mr Fowler calling for an individual appeal system to be introduced.

Mrs Chandler, who works as a buyer's assistant in decorating materials, is being kept stable because Berchem, the drug's manufacturer, is supplying Dr Millard with free samples. Dr Millard said: "Mrs Chandler clearly has a clinical need for this drug and it is ludicrous that she cannot get it on the NHS, but has either to pay for it or rely on free handouts from a drug company." Buying the drug would cost about £150 a year and Mrs Chandler could, if she had to, afford that. But for patients who could not, he said, the rules meant "you can only have the treatment that is best for you if you pay for it". Mrs Chandler said yesterday the issue was one of principle rather than money. "This case is not just about me but about other patients in a similar position".



Members of the threatened Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra outside the town hall yesterday where they handed over a 100,000-signature petition of support. Later they paraded around the city in an open-top bus playing popular favourites. The orchestra wants continued financial backing after Merseyside County Council is scrapped at the end of this month. Liverpool City Council is the largest of the five authorities which will then assume responsibility.

Mr Ian Wright, a representative of the orchestra, said: "The city council have always said they want to support us, but rate capping has made it difficult for them. As they have not set a rate for the coming year we do not know where we are." The Arts Council will supply half the money needed, but the 80-piece orchestra will still have to rely on local authorities.

'Protect bankers who notify police about drug money'

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Britain's bankers should be given the protection of the law to tell the police about clients who they suspect are connected with trafficking in drugs such as heroin and cocaine, a parliamentary report will recommend next week. The Commons home affairs select committee has just completed a 12-month inquiry into the misuse of hard drugs and is concerned about the apparent ease that drug barons use British and international banks to circulate and disguise the true origin of drug money, which is known as "laundering". Their concern is shared by bankers, the MPs say. "We are satisfied that the banks are ready to co-operate

fully with the authorities, provided the law protects them from any legal action for disclosure of information which they believe to relate to drug money. "We recommend, therefore, that the present law on the disclosure of confidential information by banks should be amended." The Drug Trafficking Offences Bill protects bankers when responding to police inquiries. But the MPs want the Government to go a step further and give statutory protection to bankers who volunteer information to police about clients' finances, "when these seem to be connected with drug trafficking".

Police committee sued for contempt

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

All 30 members of the West Midlands Police Committee have been sued for contempt of court by the High Court on Friday and run the risk of being sent to prison for contempt. They are being put before the court by the Police Federation, which claims they have defied court orders to negotiate rises in rent allowances to officers living in police houses. Mr Edwin Shore, chairman of the committee, confirmed yesterday that the committee members have had writs seeking to commit them to prison and which are returnable at the Victoria Law Courts, Bir-

Waite a bad listener

By A Staff Reporter

Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, has confessed that he is a short-tempered, bad listener. The man whose power of persuasion has secured the release of hostages in several of the world's troubled areas said: "I'm extremely impatient. When I've had to wait for days for the next step in negotiations and there's no one to consult I know I could easily blow it by being stupid. But I know deep down I can't afford to." Although Mr Waite, aged 46, the first layman to hold the job of Secretary for Anglican Communion Affairs, is one of the Church of England's most popular assets, he is not afraid to criticize it. In an interview in the magazine, *Woman*, published today, he says: "I think we have devastated much of church life in recent years and that saddens me. "Too often the church comes across as a censorious, moralistic body, forever telling others what to do, and people have become afraid of the church because of it. You end up asking, 'Is the church really touching the depth of the spiritual question?' It's part of its responsibility to assist people in finding some deeper meaning. Yet that side of things is dealt with these days by psychotherapists. It's not their job, it's the priests who should be curing soul sickness." Everybody needs a sense of humour and even he and Colonel Gaddafi were able to laugh and joke together during the most tortuous of negotiations.

RSPCA appeal on badger baiting

By Tim Jones

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has called for rambblers in Wales to help track down badger baiters who are using increasingly advanced methods to search for sets. More than 30 men were convicted in the principality last year, and so far this year eight other suspects are facing charges. Posters in shop windows and talks are being organized to make the public aware of the increasing scale of the illegal sport. Mr Roy Gee, RSPCA dis-

trict inspector in South Glamorgan, said that early March was the peak period for badger baiting, which resulted in the savage and often slow death of the animal. Operating mainly at night, gangs fit radio beeps to terriers so that they know where to dig when a badger is confronted in his set. A usually desperate fight often leaves the dogs badly wounded, and because the sport is illegal many die from their injuries as owners will not risk consulting vets. Well trained dogs often change hands for high prices, and some baiters take pride in boasting of the scars their animals have received. Mr Gee appealed for rambblers to report any suspicious activity they may come across. They should note cars parked at suspicious times, or at unusual locations, and men crossing open fields carrying powerful lamps and spades, he said. "We want to make it as difficult as possible for badger-baiters to carry out their so-called sport. It is a horrendously cruel activity and we need all the help we can get," Mr Gee added.

Mother forfeits bail in £3m cannabis case

A mother of two children has been forced to sell her home because her boy friend absconded while on bail, a court was told yesterday. Stella Brooks, aged 30, a divorcee, will have to sell her cottage in Godstone, Surrey, to pay a £25,000 forfeit. Chelmsford Crown Court was told. She was given four months to raise the money or go to jail for a year. Brooks said that although her boy friend, Johannes Van

T'Veer, aged 30, a Dutch citizen, had spoken of leaving Britain she had not believed him. Brooks had stood surety of £40,000 to ensure that T'Veer, a freelance shipping agent, would face trial on charges of conspiring with others to smuggle cannabis resin worth £3 million. He had agreed to continue living with her in Surrey, but failed to appear at Chelmsford Crown Court on Monday last week.

Japanese video war may affect British market

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

A video war is about to break out between two big Japanese consumer electronics groups, Sany and Matsushita. It could halt the development of a standard for video tape recorders, and affect markets worldwide, among them the British high street, which is one of the largest video markets in the world. Sany, inventor of the Betamax video recording system, last year launched its 8mm video camera and recorder as the first step towards making it a world standard. Matsushita, whose subsid-

ary, JVC, devised the VHS video recording system which dominates markets in Britain and the rest of Europe, says it intends to resist Sany's efforts. Matsushita, maker of the Panasonic, National and Technics brands, has a large stake in the half-inch format. It says it will respond with aggressive marketing aimed at ensuring Sany's new products have only minority appeal. The impact of the battle between the two Japanese companies will be widespread, embracing British companies which manufacture Japanese products under licence. It will embarrass the Japanese government which has never been happy about the country's manufacturers fighting each other in foreign markets. Matsushita claims that Sany has confused consumers by marketing 8mm machines as the next generation of video tape recorders for use at home as well as outdoors, rather than as a specialty product with limited sales potential. Matsushita is expected to market its own version of the 8mm later this year, but only as a lightweight camera-recorder, primarily designed for outdoor filming rather than home recording. A new wave of video piracy is on its way to Britain from

Private Eye to pay MP libel damages

Sir Frederic Bennett, Conservative MP for Torbay, won substantial libel damages in the High Court yesterday after "highly offensive" allegations were published in the satirical magazine, *Private Eye*. Mr Michael Tugendhat, counsel for Sir Frederic, aged 67, a Privy Council member, said his client had been accused of defending genocide in Bengal, introducing gambling to the Cayman Islands in association with the mafia and making dishonest expenses claims from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association among other allegations. Mr Richard Rampton, counsel for the magazine editor, Mr Richard Ingram, and the publishers, Pressdram Ltd, said they now acknowledged there was no truth in the deeply offensive allegations, and publicly apologized to Sir Frederic. Mr Justice Turner was told the magazine agreed to pay undisclosed damages and all legal costs.

Cell siege at prison ends

A 19-hour cell siege at Strangeways prison, Manchester, ended peacefully yesterday morning. A hostage held prisoner overnight by 10 inmates was released unhurt. Three men left the cell voluntarily at 8.15 a.m. followed by the other seven an hour later. No demands were made, the Home Office said, but prisoners at Strangeways have complained in the past about overcrowding.

£8m mortgage fraud alleged

Thames Valley police are investigating allegations of a mortgage racket on at least one building society using non-existent properties to extract funds. Figures of up to £8 million have been mentioned. Police said five people, including a solicitor, an estate agent and businessmen, have been interviewed and released on police bail to return in May and June.

Turkey threat case remand

A director of a security firm was remanded on bail for five weeks by Norwich magistrates yesterday accused of plotting to contaminate supermarket poultry with mercury unless £250,000 was paid. Mr Peter Steven O'Connor, aged 27, of Kenworthy, Dunstable, in Bedfordshire, is charged with demanding the money with menaces from Mr Bernard Matthews, the turkey producer, who is based in Great Witchingham, Norfolk.

Theft charges

Arnold Johnson, aged 38, of Cherry Avenue, Yapton, West Sussex, former assistant governor of Ford prison, appeared before Arundel magistrates yesterday on three charges of theft. The case was adjourned until April 2 and Mr Johnson was granted bail.

The post-Marcos Philippines

Aquino may side-step Parliament in fight for a new constitution

From Michael Hamlyn
Manila

A new constitution for the Philippines involving a single-term president is to be put to the people in a referendum within 90 days if a plan drawn up by the new Vice-President, Mr Salvador Laurel, is accepted. The plan was sent to President Corason Aquino by Mr Laurel in his capacity as leader of Unido (United National Democratic Organization), the party under whose banner she fought the election, to try to solve the complex constitutional and legal entanglements facing her Government. At present the Government is by no means clear whether it is acting as a legal and properly constituted administration or as a revolutionary body empowered to act simply by virtue of the absence of any other government and the support of the people. Yesterday Mr Laurel insisted that the Government was in existence *de facto* and *de jure* since it was plainly in charge, and had been recognized as such by other governments.

Move for assets

Manila (AFP) - President Aquino has taken the first legal steps to recover government assets from Mr Marcos in the Philippines and abroad by asking US federal and state courts to issue an injunction on a plane-load brought with him to Hawaii. The plan was sent to President Corason Aquino by Mr Laurel in his capacity as leader of Unido (United National Democratic Organization), the party under whose banner she fought the election, to try to solve the complex constitutional and legal entanglements facing her Government. At present the Government is by no means clear whether it is acting as a legal and properly constituted administration or as a revolutionary body empowered to act simply by virtue of the absence of any other government and the support of the people. Yesterday Mr Laurel insisted that the Government was in existence *de facto* and *de jure* since it was plainly in charge, and had been recognized as such by other governments.

be local elections for mayors and provincial governors. That would also get round the fracas building around Mr Aquilino Pimentel, Minister for Local Government, who asked for the resignation of the mayors and is replacing them with Unido supporters. In an indication that Philippine politics are returning to normal, with politicians on the same side stabbing each other in public, Mr Laurel accused Mr Pimentel of acting illegally "in some instances." He said that the matter had been discussed with the President, but he was not at liberty to disclose what was said. A threat to the new Government which at one time was thought to be serious now appears to be diminishing. The idea of a military conspiracy to hold out against the new regime seems to be vanishing with several hard-line Marcos loyalists reporting in recent days to the Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, and to the Chief of Staff, General Fidel Ramos. Other indications of growing confidence in the stability of the regime come from the increasing numbers of former political leaders returning to the country from exile. Chief among them has been a former Foreign Minister, Mr Raul Manglapus. Another was Mr Hecherson Alvarez, aged 81, a senior figure in the last constitutional convention who went into exile when many members were arrested by Mr Marcos in 1973. Mr Justiniano Martiano and Mr Paul Daza, a former congressman, have also returned. Reagan visit possible: Mr Laurel said yesterday that President Reagan might visit Manila on his way to Indonesia for a South-East Asian foreign ministers' meeting (Reuter reports). 15 killed: Fourteen policemen and a paramilitary sergeant were killed near Legaspi, in the central province of Albay yesterday, in the first big clash with Communist guerrillas since the fall of Mr Marcos (Reuter reports).

But he also said that the Government rejected the 1973 constitution brought in by former President Marcos. "That constitution was invalid from the very outset in 1973," he said yesterday. "It was not validly approved by the Philippine people. The Supreme Court said by six votes to four that it was not properly ratified." Not surprisingly, that view is not held by members of the Philippines Parliament belonging to Mr Marcos's KBL (New Society Movement) party. The KBL parliamentary caucus met yesterday and offered its assistance to the new President. "We shall not oppose her," the leader of the parliamentary party, Mr Jose Rono, said, "and if Mrs Aquino seeks constitutional approval from the Batasang (Parliament) we shall give her that." Mr Justice Turner was told the magazine agreed to pay undisclosed damages and all legal costs.

service we can give the President," he said. "It is vital, if we are to call this democracy a real democracy, that we must maintain the two-party system." Mr Rono went on to point out that the Batasang was empowered to act as a constitutional assembly, and would be able to draw up and approve a new constitution. But Mr Laurel plainly intends to side-step the Assembly, since it is still dominated by the KBL and its supporters. The new constitution, which he suggests should be drawn up by a small panel of experts, will be put directly to the people. The Vice-President also suggested yesterday that immediately after the constitution is approved there should



A young street vendor of a bris Aquino badges offers a brisk trade in Manila.

Warsaw mood on trial with five nationalists

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The leaders of a group of ultra-nationalist Polish dissidents have publicly called for a break with the Soviet Union were put on trial yesterday, charged with anti-state activity and preparing to overthrow the communist system with force. The trial is the latest in a series of cases against dissidents that has been regarded as something of a barometer of the political climate in Poland. Slander charges against Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity chairman, were dropped last month and two Solidarity organizers and advisers, Mr Adam Michalik and Mr Bogdan Lis, had their sentences cut by six months. But the trial of the five leaders of the Confederation of Independent Poland (KPN) is expected to have a different outcome. Preparations to overthrow the state system with force carries a possible jail term of between one and 10 years. Led by the veteran dissident Leszek Moczulski, KPN has been questioning Poland's role in the Soviet alliance, and its various writings consistently depict Moscow as an enemy. The banned movement did not command a large following on the scale of Solidarity, and is often at odds with the leadership of the outlawed union. Tough treatment of the five

KPN leaders - apart from Mr Moczulski, they are Krzysztof Krol, Adam Slomka, Andrzej Szamanski and Dariusz Wojcik - would show Moscow that despite recent Polish court verdicts, the authorities will crack down hard on overt anti-Sovietism. All but Mr Wnjcik refused to testify yesterday and the proceedings were dominated by the reading of the indictment. The trial coincides with the Communist Party congress in the Soviet Union, and the original charges against the group were drawn up only days after the accession of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov to the Soviet leadership. Security measures were tight outside the Warsaw courtroom yesterday - a police search turned up a kitchen knife, presumably meant to cut sandwiches during the lengthy proceedings, in the handbag of a woman relative - and the press was barred. Despite KPN's differences with Solidarity, the accused are represented by top human rights lawyers reflecting to some degree the respect for Mr Moczulski's past record. After benefiting from an amnesty for political prisoners in July 1984, he irritated the authorities by speaking in churches and in private discussion groups, outlining his programme for an independent Poland.

Clamp on critics by Athens

From Mario Modiano
Athens

A leading member of Greece's ruling Pasok party was expelled and a Communist newspaper was heavily fined as the Government moved to curb criticism and discourage the flogging of its economic austerity drive. Mr Gerassimos Arsenis, who as National Economy Minister until July had been dubbed the Economic Tsar of Greece, was ousted from the party on Sunday night for publicly criticizing drastic changes in government economic policy. At next weekend's meeting of the party general committee it was expected that he would rally support from the left wing to oppose the economic about-turn. Meanwhile, the Athens daily *Rizospastis*, organ of the pro-Soviet Communist party, was fined £75,000 for defying a government decree curbing wage rises until the end of next year. *Rizospastis* was published last Thursday when other Athens dailies were hit by a journalists' strike in protest against the wage freeze. The paper is sharply critical of the Socialist government's monetarist options for the debt-ridden economy. The fine was denounced by the Athens Union of Journalists.

Astronauts reply to critics

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

Nasa, which for decades has evidently run the US space programme with flawless efficiency, has emerged from presidential hearings on the explosion of the Challenger shuttle with its image badly dented. After a month of official silence, four members of Nasa's astronaut corps held a press conference yesterday at the Johnson Space Centre in Houston, to discuss the Challenger disaster and to answer the allegation by Mr William Rogers, the investigating commission's chairman, that the Nasa launch decision-making process is flawed. Mr Rogers, a former Secretary of State, made the statement after three days of public hearings last week, adding that the decision-making process must be improved. Shortcomings in the system were brought to light by disclosures that engineers at Morton Thiokol, the company which built the Challenger

rocket Challenger, opposed the launch on January 28 in which the crew of seven were killed soon after take-off. They feared that the abnormally cold weather on the day posed a safety risk, and were particularly worried that the freeze might make ring seals on the shuttle's solid rocket boosters become inflexible and let gases escape, which is considered a possible cause of the explosion. Their concerns were apparently never relayed



Mr William Rogers, critical of decision-makers.

above middle-level management at Nasa; senior officials testified that they were never told about them. As a result, the ill-fated launch went ahead and the spacecraft exploded about 75 seconds after take-off, destroying the shuttle. Mr Rogers told Nasa officials that they had forgotten to use "good judgement". The four astronauts at the press conference were Charles Fullerton, a veteran of two shuttle voyages, Vance Brand, Joe Engle and Hank Hartsfield. All but Mr Fullerton are due to go on space missions this year and are among the investigative team of 24 astronauts led by a shuttle pilot, Robert Crippen. The White House meanwhile is searching for a full-time Nasa administrator to replace Mr James Beggs, who resigned last week to devote his full time to fighting an indictment on charges not related to his Nasa activities. A front runner appears to be Mr James Fleicher, head of the agency from 1971 to 1977.

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Sweden after Palme

New leader pledges no change in policy

From Christopher Mossey, Stockholm

Sweden's new leader, Mr Ingvar Carlsson, pledged yesterday to continue the policies of his assassinated predecessor, Mr Olof Palme.

He intended to be as active on the international scene as Mr Palme, who was shot dead in Stockholm on Friday by an unknown killer.

The Swedish Foreign Ministry said that Mr Carlsson was expected to visit Moscow next month or in May. Mr Palme had intended that visit to be part of a process of "normalization" of relations which has been strained in recent years mainly because of alleged violations of Swedish waters by Soviet submarines.

Mr Carlsson is also likely to have talks with Mr Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, on the possibility that Sweden may be proposed to monitor any nuclear test ban treaty agreed with President Reagan.

The new leader, who at 52 is seven years younger than Mr Palme, looked pale, tired and sad as he met the world's press for the first time since the assassination.

He was elected unanimously yesterday as chairman of the ruling Social Democratic Party until its congress next year. Effectively he is now Sweden's new Prime Minister.

Next Tuesday he will be proposed formally to Parliament as successor to Mr Palme. On the following day he will be sworn in.

No opposition to Mr Carlsson's election is expected either from the Social Democrats or from any of the non-socialist Opposition parties. His main rival for the leadership, Mr Kjell-Olof Feldt, the ebullient Finance Minister, has evidently decided that it would be inopportune to make any bid for power.

Mr Carlsson said he had cooperated closely with Mr Palme over almost three decades. "I shall strive to follow the principles he has laid down", he said.

Referring to the murder, he said: "Sweden should be a land with political democracy, with a great degree of openness". Everyone must fight to preserve "the open and free Sweden we have built up over the years".

He shared Mr Palme's views on security. He hoped he would in future be able to walk unguarded through the streets of Stockholm. He wished, like Mr Palme, to keep his private life free from supervision, but as long as Mr Palme's murder remained unsolved there would have to be strict security and he was prepared to accept that.

Mr Palme's funeral on March 15 will be a private affair, attended only by family, close friends and members of the Social Democratic elite. However, a memorial service will be held later at Stockholm Town Hall, which is expected to be attended by many world leaders.

Arrangements have been made for outsiders to follow the funeral service itself on large television screens set up at various places throughout the country.

A memorial fund for Mr Palme will be set up in Sweden, the Social Democratic Party announced yesterday. It will promote studies by young people on international understanding and peace.

The spot where Mr Palme fell dying on the icy pavement of Sveavagen, Stockholm's main thoroughfare, continued to act as an unofficial shrine yesterday for thousands of Swedes, who have covered the



Mr Ingvar Carlsson, the new Swedish leader, receiving the attentions of press photographers in Stockholm yesterday.

bloodstained snow with a small mountain of flowers.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the murder investigation team said yesterday that the lead-tipped, copper-cased bullets used in the assassination could penetrate a bullet-proof vest. It was also disclosed that on the night of the assassination a diplomat at the Swedish Embassy in Bonn received a telephone call claiming that the killing was the work of the West German terrorist group, Red Army Faction.

● COPENHAGEN: The murder of Mr Palme cast a shadow over the opening here yesterday of the 34th session of the Nordic Council, the consultative parliament of the five Nordic countries (Christopher Follett writes).

The five-day meeting taking place in the Danish Parliament building and attended by 87 politicians and parliamentarians, observed a one-minute silence after a 30-minute memorial ceremony during which Mr Povl Schluter, Denmark's Conservative Prime Minister, paid tribute to the late Swedish premier.

All festivities connected with the session, including the traditional Nordic state banquet, were cancelled.

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Flip-flop flying: A single-engine plane lies belly-up on top of a Cadillac after crash-landing in a residential area of Oakland, California. Three other cars were damaged but the pilot escaped with slight injuries.

Ex-embassy held on gun charge

From Mario Modiano, Athens

A retired British diplomatic employee whose Athens flat was searched in connection with a Soviet espionage case now under investigation in London and Athens, was remanded in custody yesterday on a charge of illegal possession of five pistols and 148 rounds of ammunition.

Mr Edgerton "Eddie" Duckworth, aged 63, who worked in the British Embassy's commercial department until 1979, told the investigating magistrate that he was a collector of firearms, and target practice was his hobby.

He said he had failed to declare his collection after losing his diplomatic status on retirement.

Police escape ANC ambush by killing 7 in shootout

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African police yesterday shot dead seven black men who they said were "terrorists" of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) in a gun battle in Guguletu, a black township on the outskirts of Cape Town. One policeman was slightly injured.

The police said they had received a tip-off that the ANC planned to attack a vehicle carrying policemen to work at the Guguletu police station and "certain precautionary measures were taken".

"At 0720 hours, near the Guguletu police station, after the police had stopped a vehicle with black occupants, a skirmish between the police and ANC terrorists ensued, during which a hand grenade was hurled at the police and they were fired on."

"The chief seven ANC terrorists were killed and one policeman was slightly wounded. The police seized several AK-47 rifles, a number of rounds of ammunition and

several pistols and hand grenades."

It is understood that the police had been hidden near the scene of the expected ambush for several hours. The van taking the policemen to work passed by and a few minutes later another van drew up and seven armed men got out.

ANC talks: The ANC has held talks with one of South Africa's tribal homeland leaders in a new move aimed at broadening its range of potential allies within the republic and putting pressure on Pretoria to lift the ban on it.

Meanwhile, six of the seven members of the Commonwealth "Eminent Persons Group" (EPG) arrived in Cape Town on Sunday on the second leg of a visit to monitor the pace of reform and assess the chances of negotiation between the Government and black leaders on sharing political power.

The Chief Minister of Kangwane, Mr Enos Mabuza, accompanied by about 20 members of his homeland's legislative assembly, arrived in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia, on Friday for

"consultative" talks with Mr Oliver Tambo, the ANC president, and other ANC leaders.

The talks were reported to be continuing yesterday.

Mr Mabuza, whose small homeland is contiguous to the northern and western frontiers of Swaziland and is the territory reserved for South Africa's 800,000 Swazis, is due to fly back to South Africa today.

The homeland leaders have been regarded with contempt by the ANC as "puppets" of Pretoria. The only exception is Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the Zulu leader, whom Mr Tambo met in London in 1979. Since then, however, Chief Buthelezi's relations with the ANC have deteriorated drastically.

In recent months, the ANC has met white businessmen, opposition MPs, churchmen and student leaders. At one point the Government became alarmed - in the words of the Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Ron Miller - at the number of people "beating a path to the ANC's door", and refused permission for some would-be visitors to Lusaka.

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Charred corpse in Cairo hotel

From Alice Brinton, Cairo

Two Danish diplomats searching a hotel in the Giza area of Cairo have uncovered the remains of a charred body they believe to be that of a Danish tourist, Miss Anne Pedersen, who was in her 70s.

Mr Claus Von Barnekow, counsellor at the Danish Embassy in Cairo, said that Miss Pedersen had been reported missing on Wednesday last week, the day after security police conscripts went on the rampage in Giza streets and set fire to a number of hotels, including the Holiday Pyramids Hotel, where she and her group had been staying.

Mr Von Barnekow said that at the time they reported Miss Pedersen missing they were assured by Egyptian authorities that all the rooms of damaged hotels had been searched and that no bodies had been found.

The two diplomats conducted their own search on Sunday and found an unidentifiable charred body in the bathroom of the room Miss Pedersen was in when she disappeared.

They are waiting for her dental charts from Denmark to make a positive identification, but if the body does prove to be that of Miss Pedersen she will be the first known foreign victim of the rioters' violence.

More than 2,500 security troops and 700 civilians have been arrested since an estimated 8,000-10,000 members of the security forces took to the streets on Tuesday night last week because of a false rumour that their tours of duty would be extended.

The conscripts earn about £2.50 a month and live under generally appalling conditions.

Meanwhile, a leading Cairo newspaper, al-Ahram, said yesterday that a woman had given riot investigators a video tape showing the rioting which had led to the arrest of seven people, including a lawyer.

Egypt's Minister of the Interior, Mr Zaki Badr, was quoted yesterday in the official ruling party organ Al-Ahram saying that the Government would not disband the security forces.

Tourism threat to reef

Sydney (Reuters) - Australian conservationists launched a national campaign yesterday to stop a £160 million tourist development which, they claimed, could threaten the Great Barrier Reef.

At least five conservation groups condemned moves by the right-wing Queensland state government to withdraw national park status from a small island near the reef.

One of Australia's domestic airlines, East-West, is seeking freehold title from the state government over most of Lindeman Island, for a tourist resort.

A large population on the island with resulting effluent and waste could destroy a section of the reef, the world's largest marine park, according to a spokesman for the Queensland Wildlife Preservation Society.

But conservationists were also worried by the precedent created in selling off the national parkland in a World Heritage Commission area to a tourist developer, the society's vice-president, Mr John Stclair, said in an interview.

East-West has declined comment on their plans.

Iran and Iraq claim successes near Fao

Bahrain (Reuters) - Iran and Iraq both claimed big successes yesterday in overnight fighting in the Fao peninsula of southern Iraq, occupied by Iranian troops early in the "Dawn 8" offensive across the Shatt al-Arab waterway three weeks ago.

A Baghdad communiqué said that two divisions of Iranian Revolutionary Guards were annihilated when they attacked the central column of a three-pronged Iraqi advance on Iranians holding the small port of Fao. (An Iranian regular army division is normally 10,000 men, but military Tehran sources said that reserve divisions of

war volunteers might comprise as few as 1,500 men.)

Iran also reported another advance on the northern Kurdistan front.

A war communiqué on Tehran Radio said that Iranian troops were now only 11 miles from the Kurdish provincial capital, Sulaymaniyah, some 170 miles north-east of Baghdad. Iraq made no mention of fighting in Kurdistan.

Shias claim executions

Beirut (Reuters) - A radical Shia Muslim militia said yesterday that it had "executed" nine men and two women accused of involvement in a lethal series of car bomb blasts in Lebanon dating back to 1978.

The pro-Iranian Hizbollah distributed an 86-page document, with photographs of the accused, on its investigation of an alleged bomb ring it said was backed by Christian groups and Army intelligence. The document did not say

how, when or where the death sentences were carried out. Video-taped confessions would be shown on Lebanese television.

Hizbollah said the 11 were part of a ring responsible for car bomb attacks, including one that killed at least 75 in the Shia suburb of Bir al-Abed in March. The blasts killed 277 people and wounded 1,111.

The document said the ring-leader, Mahmud Zayat, had taken refuge in Christian East Beirut.

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Union leader's blow to González Nato hopes

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

As the campaign leading to Spain's referendum on Nato membership went into a second week yesterday, the Socialist Government, which desperately wants a "yes" vote, took a severe blow from Señor Nicolás Redondo, the party's leading union figure.

He told all members of the pro-Socialist General Union of Workers (UGT), the Spanish equivalent of the TUC, to vote "no" on March 12, thereby obeying union policy.

But Señor Redondo, general secretary of the UGT, instructed his local leaders not to take part with Communist

Muslims sack nine temples in Pakistan

Islamabad (AFP) - Hindus in the south-eastern city of Jacobabad are in a state of shock yesterday after the sacking of nine temples by Muslim extremists - the first such violence against a non-Muslim minority in Pakistan since 1948.

The city, in the north of Sind province, remained tense. Jacobabad is home to some 10,000 of the more than one million Hindus in Pakistan, compared to 84 million Muslims.

Demonstrators were called out on Sunday by the Muslim fundamentalist Jamiat Ulema Islam, in protest at an Indian court's decision to authorize the opening of a Hindu temple on the site of a mosque in India's Uttar Pradesh state.

The Indian court's decision provoked inter-community clashes in India, which left 15 dead and aroused great emotion among Pakistanis. On Sunday demonstrators stoned and sacked the nine temples, according to local police, who did not report any victims. They dispersed the demonstrators but were unable to protect the temples.

Libya's foreign chief

Tripoli, Libya (AFP) - The Libyan parliament, the General Peoples' Congress, has named Mr Kamal Hassan Mansour, the former Oil Minister, as the country's new foreign minister, replacing Mr Feritki.

Mr Feritki, aged 48, served twice as foreign minister in Colonel Gaddafi's regime and was Libya's representative to the United Nations from 1982

to 1984. Mr Mansour, who recently changed his name from Maqhour, has been Libya's representative to the UN and ambassador to France and China. He was oil minister from 1982 to 1984 and Opec chairman in 1984.

No immediate explanation for the change is available, nor is any information about Mr Feritki's future.

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ON IT

Kremlin blueprint for 2000

Premier flays planners and sets fresh course

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Kremlin blueprint for revitalizing the economy by the year 2000 was combined with a damning indictment of the Soviet Union's recent economic performance in the presentation to the 27th Communist Party congress yesterday of Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Prime Minister.

Areas of particular concern to the Kremlin are agriculture, construction and oil, where declining production is being aggravated by the slump in world oil prices.

The new programme foresees the doubling of national income and industrial output by the turn of the century, but after yesterday's two-hour address, Western experts say



that there is still lack of any overall strategy by which this might be achieved.

As congress speakers before him had done, Mr Ryzhkov devoted considerable attention to de-bunking the era of the late President Brezhnev. He referred to "unfavourable tendencies" in the economy which had first appeared in the 1970s and grown even stronger in the early 1980s.

Both in the centre and in the regions, many managers continued to work with outdated methods and proved unprepared for work in the new conditions", he said.

"Discipline and order deteriorated to an intolerable

level. There was a fall in... responsibility. The vicious practice of revising plan targets downwards became widespread."

His keynote address also outlined details of the first five-year plan of the Gorbachov era, which will run until 1990. In June it was announced that Mr Gorbachov had ordered the original draft to be scrapped because it encouraged waste.

But he also acknowledged publicly that "many industries" had failed to reach their targets in the 1981-1985 period.

Mr Ryzhkov emphasized that as regards the economy, the party was looking for "radical reform" rather than partial improvements.

To the applause of the delegates, Mr Ryzhkov pledged that the Kremlin would never "fulfil the hopes of the bourgeois ideologists" by straying from "fundamental principles" in economic management.

Praise from Bonn: Mr Tony Benn was quoted yesterday in the official Soviet media as saying that all mankind had drawn hope from Moscow's arms control initiatives (Reuters reports).



Mr Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, delivering his keynote speech to 5,000 congress delegates yesterday.

Doubts nag US over sailor's on-off 'defection'

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The saga of Miroslav Medved, the Soviet "defector" who apparently changed his mind, continues to raise nagging questions four months after the Reagan Administration allowed him to sail home in certain punishment, and possibly even death, four months ago.

The central question is whether the Russians switched the real Mr Medved with an impostor before the State Department interviewed him in New Orleans.

He had jumped into the Mississippi in a defection attempt, only to be ordered back to his cargo ship.

He, or somebody purporting to be him, later jumped into the river again and was interviewed at length. He insisted that, after all, he wanted to go home.

Some Congressmen are convinced that this man was not Mr Medved. They cite his belligerent manner, his vigorous defence of the Soviet system and his arrogance - traits that were apparently far from evident when Mr Medved first clambered ashore.

The State Department says it is certain there was not a switch. And Mr Boris Malakhov, a spokesman for

the Soviet Embassy in Washington, said: "It's crazy to think it was not Miroslav Medved who was interviewed."

Those who suspect a switch also cite a number of photographs taken surreptitiously during the interview, which, they claim, demonstrate that it was not the same man. The FBI, which compared the pictures with photographs taken of the seaman who first jumped ship, said that no firm conclusions could be drawn.

Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said yesterday that there was nothing to contradict the belief that the man interviewed was Mr Medved.



Miroslav Medved: Some say Russians did a switch.

Gun found in tennis star's luggage

San Francisco (UPI) - A pistol found in the luggage of tennis star Martina Navratilova was seized at San Francisco international airport.

The gun was discovered on Sunday during a routine metal-scanning check of carry-on luggage. Miss Navratilova told officials that the gun was mistakenly put in the case by a friend who helped her pack. She said the weapon was normally stored in cargo-hold baggage.

She was allowed to board her plane and can file a court petition for the return of the pistol for which she has a Texas permit.

£4m oil depot blaze beaten

Athens - A week-long blaze in a 12-tank oil depot near Salonika was subdued early yesterday with the help of European experts and 60 Yugoslav firemen. (Mario Mianino writes).

Athens officials said the flames were confined to oil spilt from tanks gutted in one of the worst oil fires in Europe, destroying \$4 million of crude oil.

Glass in food

New York (UPI) - An investigation into the discovery of glass in a jar of Gerber baby spaghetti was ordered after a mother found her son's tongue was bleeding.

Guru auction

Laguna Beach, California (UPI) - Belongings of guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, who is now in Crete, including a silver flute and luxury robe fabrics, were auctioned by followers to pay his legal bills.

Choosy thief

San Francisco (UPI) - A burglar with a taste for rare wines broke into the cellar of an elegant restaurant here and stole vintage Bordeaux worth \$10,000, an 1825 French painting and a five-ton safe.

Jail workers

Kigali, Rwanda (AFP) - The 12,000 prisoners in Rwanda jails are being told to grow food and make uniforms to put prisons in profit and save money for the state.

Hoxha elected

Vienna (AFP) - Mrs Nexhmije Hoxha, widow of the late Albanian party chief and head of state, Enver Hoxha, who died in April, has been elected head of the Albanian Popular Front.

Fatal flight

Bern (AP) - A Swiss-registered Cessna private plane crashed three minutes after takeoff from Bern airport in snow, killing the pilot and seven passengers.

Ershad snub

Dhaka - The leading Bangladesh opposition parties have rejected President Ershad's offer of elections on April 26 and said they will continue to campaign against military rule.

Ailing airport

Paris (Reuters) - An indefinite strike by firemen at Charles De Gaulle airport over medical tests disrupted domestic and international traffic yesterday.

Not so rocky

New York (Reuters) - The film star Sylvester Stallone earns as much from one film - \$12 million (£8.57 million) - as President Reagan, on an annual salary of \$200,000, would earn in 60 years, according to a People magazine report.

Setback to Kohl in local poll

From Frank Johnson Bonn

Plenty of explanations were on offer here yesterday for the unexpectedly big Social Democrat and Green gains, at the expense of Christian Democrats and Free Democrats, in local government elections in northern Germany on Sunday. But one question remains above all: were Chancellor Kohl's current legal difficulties anything to do with it?

Bonn's politicians face a general election in 10 months, and Herr Kohl is being investigated for having allegedly given false testimony to a committee of the Land (province) Parliament of the Rhineland-Palatinate which was investigating business contributions to his party funds.

The public prosecutors in Bonn are expected to decide this week whether to investigate a similar accusation made about Herr Kohl's testimony to a Bundestag committee.

In Sunday's elections, for 11 local councils in the Land of Schleswig-Holstein, Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) lost 5.9 per cent of their 1982 vote. It was the worst CDU result in the Land for 20 years. Most of the losses were to the Social Democrats (SPD).

The Greens emerged as the third biggest party, replacing the liberal Free Democrats (FDP). This was particularly ominous for the national Government, of which the FDP is junior member.

The Christian Democrats rely on the FDP to produce an anti-SPD majority nationally. If a combination of SPD and Green support produced an anti-CDU majority, the SPD could form a Government sustained in the Bundestag by the Greens.

The SDP candidate for Chancellor, Herr Johannes Rau, has always said that he would never form a coalition with the Greens.

But there are various definitions of "coalition". If the SPD turned out as the biggest single party, it would be unlikely to spur the Greens' parliamentary support, if it was the only way the SPD could form a Government.

Reagan steps up aid efforts for Contras

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan, stepping up his campaign to win \$100 million (£69 million) in aid for the Contra rebels fighting the Nicaraguan Government, received their leaders at the White House yesterday, together with their supporters in the American private sector.

His symbolic meeting came as the White House was trying to persuade a sceptical Congress that the situation in Nicaragua is more dangerous for the US than was that in the Philippines before Mr Marcos fled. Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, gave a warning that if the Contras were neglected the Western hemisphere could be "taken

hostage by totalitarians". In a speech to US veterans he said the Sandinista Government had been threatening elected governments in neighbouring countries with Soviet weapons.

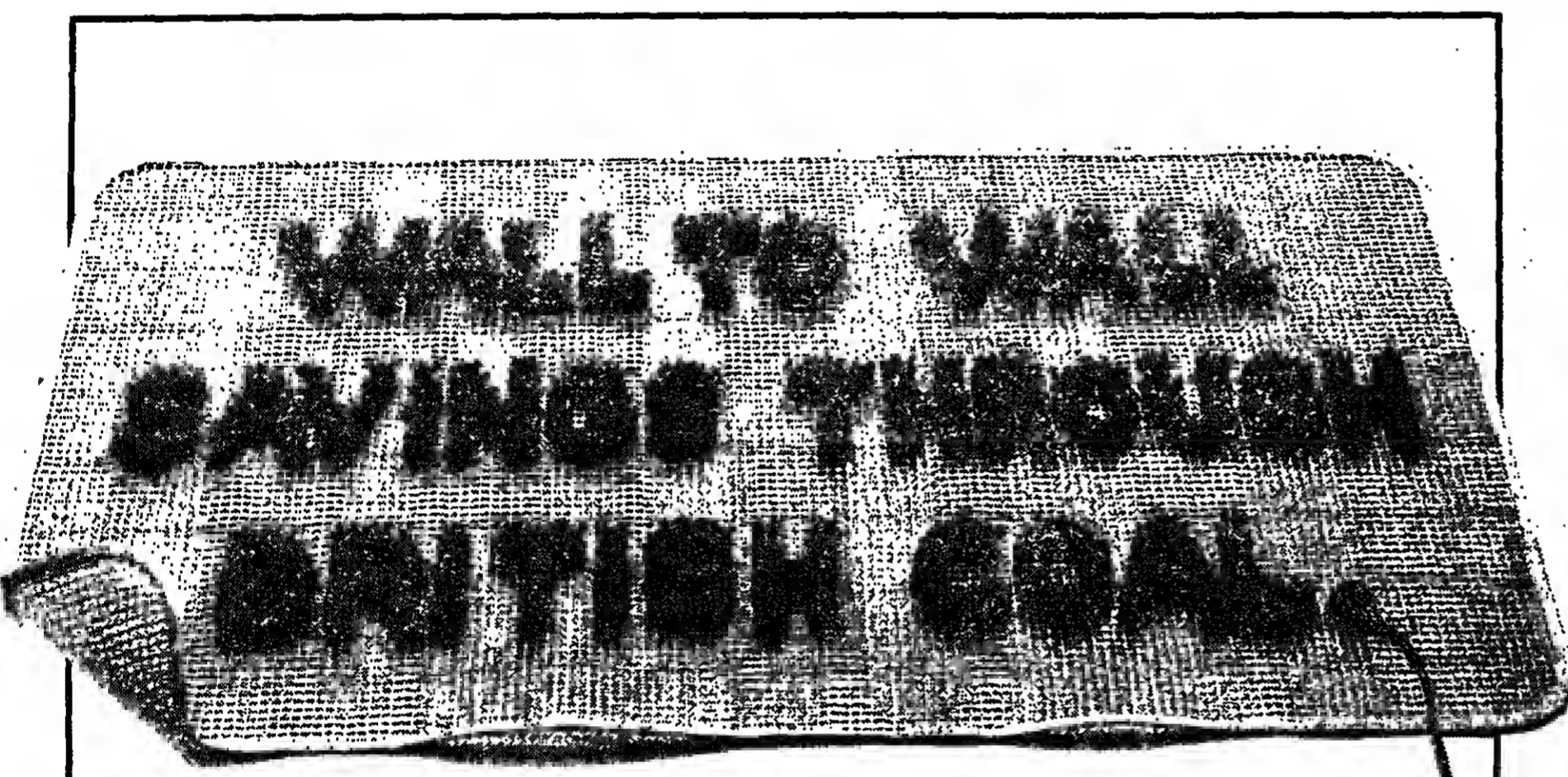
The Administration has been exasperated by the lack of public support for its tough policies towards Nicaragua. In 1984 Congress cut off all military aid to the Contras, authorizing only \$27 million in humanitarian assistance. The Administration has also been embarrassed by the plan that it has received from all quarters for its role in getting rid of Mr Duvalier in Haiti and Mr Marcos.

Mayor blamed for raid

Philadelphia (Reuters) - A commission investigating a police attack on a house here last year, in which 11 people died and 61 houses were destroyed, has criticized the city's Mayor in a draft report.

The commission, appointed by the Mayor himself, Mr Wilson Goode, called him grossly negligent in launching the raid to evict members of a radical group called Move.

Police bombed the house from a helicopter, killing six adults and five children and starting a fire which left 250 people homeless. The report said that "the plan to bomb the Move house was reckless, ill-conceived and hastily approved".



Shaw Carpets plc mill at Darton, near Barnsley produces 400,000 square metres of carpeting every week. This means large quantities of steam are necessary for the dyeing process and for space heating.

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Seoul leader heads for Europe in attempt to avoid Marcos's fate

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

President Chun Doo Hwan, the authoritarian leader of South Korea, is to pay an official visit to Britain early next month as part of a four-nation tour of Western Europe. He will also visit West Germany, France and Belgium.

It will be the first visit to Western Europe by a Korean head of state. Although there are growing economic ties between Korea and Europe, the authoritarian nature of successive Korean regimes has meant that their leaders were not welcome visitors in the West. The date of the visit has not yet been announced.

Acutely aware of the fate of Mr Marcos, his near neighbour from the Philippines, President Chun is trying to give his administration a more democratic and moderate image — a process encouraged actively by the United States.

After weeks of growing political unrest President Chun last week suddenly made a series of political concessions in the hope of avoiding a similarly ignominious exit from his presidential palace.

These included the release from house arrest of the opposition leader, Mr Kim Dae Jung, and a promise to discuss changes in the constitution after the 1988 presidential election.

His visit to Europe forms part of his plan to improve his image. He hopes that television pictures of him chatting with Mrs Thatcher, Chancellor Kohl of West Germany and President Mitterrand of France will persuade the Korean electorate that he enjoys the respect and confidence of these Western democratic leaders.

● **SEOUL:** Riot police used teargas to break up a student demonstration against the South Korean Government yesterday, the fifth anniversary of President Chun's taking office (AFP reports).

Witnesses said that about 300 students at Seoul National University clashed with riot police after a rally in support of an opposition-run signature collection campaign calling for direct presidential elections.

The students fled when an estimated 1,000 police in plain clothes and riot police lobbed teargas canisters and moved in to arrest them, witnesses said. Similar demonstrations were held at three other campuses in the capital.

Newspapers yesterday praised President Chun, an Army general-turned-politician, for his success in the economic sector, his liberalization policies and his contribution to South Korea's international standing.

But they say that there is still much to be done to eliminate a perceived threat of war from North Korea.

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Indian budget fails to allay inflation fears

From Kuldip Nayar, Delhi

Irked by a barrage of criticism that next year's budget is inflationary, the Indian Finance Ministry asserts that "the budget will be price neutral". But the statement has not allayed general misgivings that the country is in for another round of price rises in the wake of increases three weeks ago on petroleum products, coal, wheat, rice, chemicals and fertilizers.

The Finance Ministry has also tried to explain, without winning much support, the rise to deficit financing, which is expected to top £350 million, ten times more than the extra woe in taxation.

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Turmoil in Quebec Liberals weigh up departure of a vote-getter

From John Best, Ottawa

The Liberal Party of Canada is anxiously trying to sort out the implications of last week's sudden departure of Mr Jean Chrétien, a long-time party stalwart and one of the country's most popular politicians.

The question the party faces is whether by resigning his House of Commons seat to take up a career in business, Mr Chrétien, a valuable vote-getter, has handed the next federal election to the ruling Conservatives on a platter.

Mr Chrétien stepped aside on Thursday, as the culmination of an increasingly bitter feud with Mr John Turner, the party leader and former Prime Minister. He said he wanted to devote more time to his family, and to pursue opportunities with an Ottawa law firm and a Montreal investment business.

But few political observers doubted that the real reason was that he found himself in an increasingly untenable position in the House.

Rumblings over the Chrétien affair occurred in a conference of the party's Quebec wing in Quebec City at the weekend.

Some delegates criticized Mr Turner's handling of the affair and one delegate, Mrs Celine Hervieux-Payette, a former federal Cabinet minister, claimed that Mr Chrétien had been forced out rather than having left of his own accord.

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wheeling and plebeian ways endeared him both to English-speaking Canada and his native French-speaking Quebec, finished second to Mr Turner in the June, 1984, Liberal leadership race. He never appeared to become reconciled to his defeat.

Relations between him and Mr Turner reached breaking point last month over control of the federal party's Quebec wing, Quebec with its 75 seats at Ottawa — more than a quarter of the 282 total — is considered vital to a restoration of Liberal power. According to opinion polls, voters in the province have already started to return to the party of their traditional allegiance, which they deserted in droves in the September 1984 elections.

Mr Chrétien, never a man to mince words, erupted in anger when Mr Turner hooked his choice for president of the federal party organization in Quebec and got his own candidate elected instead.

He alleged that a "malaise" had taken root in the party's Quebec wing, and suggested that Turner supporters were trying to get rid of party veterans loyal to him.

After that, with the issue triggering noisy recriminations between pro-Turner and pro-Chrétien factions, it was probably just a matter of time before the two men came to a formal parting of the ways.

For the moment, Mr Turner has cause for relief since Mr Chrétien's departure resolves a situation that was causing him acute embarrassment and raising questions about his hold on the leadership.

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PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Soviet Union: Mikhail Kukobaka

By Caroline Moorehead

A former lorry driver in his late forties called Mikhail Kukobaka is serving his third consecutive sentence as a political prisoner in the Soviet Union.

The exact term is not known, but it may be as long as 12 years' imprisonment and exile, the maximum for the charge of "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda" on which he is being held. He is in a strict regime labour camp in the Perm region.

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Mikhail Kukobaka: 16 years of clashes with authority

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Mention the words "interior design" to businessmen and their eyes roll. Visions of long haired adolescents and the spotted bow tie brigade spring to mind. You know the type. More effete than effective. And chandeliers which absolutely, positively have got to be imported from Venice to create the desired effect. And bills which inexplicably keep appearing from out of the woodwork. If you've ever been involved in refurbishment and restoration, you'll know what we mean. If you haven't yet but plan to soon, you'll want to avoid the nightmares. Happily, we can help. A visit to the IDC Interior Design Management Group in Stratford-upon-Avon puts you in touch with a more practical and businesslike approach to interior design and its implementation. And whilst there's no shortage of creative ingenuity and flair at IDC, the way we do things will eliminate those sleepless nights. With IDC a budget is a budget, simple as that. And it's down to us to create just what you want at the price you want to pay. With IDC your interior design project is on time, and it's on budget, whatever business you're in. For the full story, write to Clive Hicks, IDC Group Limited, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 9NJ. Or telephone 0789 204288. Or telex 311201.

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Salesmen of the big screen

Companies are prepared to pay dearly for stars like Sylvester Stallone to drink their brand of beer or drive their cars in a hit film. Product placement is big business in America, and now agencies are courting British producers with an eye to our television market. Bryan Appleyard reports

"We gave Rambo his knife and Schwarzenegger his sunglasses", says Russell Pickering, London manager of Associated Film Promotions. AFP also put Panasonic hardware into the hands of the Ghostbusters. Budweiser beer down the parched throat of Clint Eastwood and gave Gene Wilder a Cadillac for *The Woman in Red*. This is called "Product Placement" and the manufacturers paid handsomely for the privilege of appearing in the films. After all it comes cheaper than television advertising: during the life of a big budget movie it reaches more people and it creates a public image without the public realizing. AFP laughs all the way to the bank and the film-makers find their budget pressures are eased.

But just as the marketing men are considering product placement on British television, advertising executives in this country have begun to express doubts about the ethics of such deals. Any such move will bring them into direct conflict with the BBC and the IBA - product placement can break the rules. But suddenly a lot of people are trying to find ways of doing just that. Some say they have done it already.

Using the movies to advertise goods is almost as old as cinema itself. It was common enough, even in the 1930s or 1940s, to thank airline or car companies in the credits for travel or free props. And unofficially, props managers, when dispatched to find a car, would take backhanders from local dealers.

But then along came Bob Kovaloff. He came out of the American advertising industry

with the conviction that such placements were worth big bucks - the industry just needed a little organizing. He formed AFP and, from 1977, created a new method of film financing.

The first venture was the Jerry Lewis film *Hardy Working* in which Kovaloff placed Dunkin Donuts, Quaker State Motor Oil and Goodyear tyres. From then on he never looked back. The industry he invented has expanded to the point where virtually every big budget, non X-rated film produced by Hollywood will be littered with product placements. *Back to the Future* had no fewer than 37, including Toyota, JVC Camcorders and Pepsi-Cola.

The coup that everybody talks about in hushed tones was ET

But the greatest product placement coup of all, the one that everybody in the business talks about in hushed tones, was *ET*. When the small boy lured the cuddly alien from his hideout, he used a trail of sweets. These were Pecces Reeces; thanks to the film, sales instantly shot up by 85 per cent. Another sweet - said to be M'n'Ns, the American equivalent of Smarties - had originally been specified in the script, but it was changed to accommodate the highest bidder. The placement was so successful that everybody in the



Pass the product placement: Harold Ramis offers a Cheez-it to Dan Aykroyd in Ghostbusters

business now claims credit, and nobody is now sure who closed the deal.

That is an indication of how many competitors AFP has spawned. One estimate suggests that there are 30 placement agencies working in the United States. Now the two biggest - AFP and International Film Promotions, its main rival - are in London fighting for the queue of British and European manufacturers who dream of seeing Sylvester Stallone wearing, driving or smoking their products.

Mark Gottlieb, managing director of IFP in London, is currently celebrating successes that include the Peugeot Glenn Close drives in *Jagged Edge*, the Adidas shoes from *That's Dancing* and the Cheez-its eaten in *Ghostbusters*. He is also pleased with the Martini poster which Julie Walters walks past in *Car Trouble* - for, although it is an American-financed movie, everything else about it is British, a promising sign for the UK placement industry.

Gottlieb says the sums of money involved in each placement vary enormously. The biggest known placement was the \$5m put into *Santa Claus* by McDonald's hamburgers. But Gottlieb stresses that the average placement involves relatively small sums. A simple "pack shot" where, for example, a product just happens to be lying on a table may be the cheapest level of exposure, but

every additional degree of emphasis costs more. A line of dialogue such as "Get these widgets are great!" is the ultimate.

"We are talking about marginal money for the film makers - enough to allow them an extra day's shooting or something like that", Gottlieb says.

Agencies like IFP receive scripts from the studios long before shooting starts. Gottlieb then vets them for "placement opportunities" and produces a newsletter outlining new productions and the sort of props that might be required. His clients pay a basic £50,000 a year and are guaranteed placements in six movies. The bigger the movie the greater the competition and the higher the bidding. For anything by Spielberg the companies tend to deal direct with the studio, cutting out the agencies. But there are now so many placements that there is something for everyone in every big movie.

Both Gottlieb and Pickering insist that British demand for the service is immense. Primarily, of course, it comes from UK manufacturers with distribution in the US. But as the market develops, the agencies are finding ways of placing in films likely to be successful in the UK. And Gottlieb says he is about to reveal a new way of using films for product promotion.

Both companies are cagey about all their clients, but Vauxhall,

Toshiba, Buchanan's whisky and DHL are all in there. AFP are even opening a warehouse in Acton, west London, from which film makers can simply take their clients' products off the shelves (on condition that the products are not shown in a derogatory light).

Television is the next big challenge for the agencies

Gottlieb, at least, is not following the American pattern; he is dealing with advertising agencies as well as directly with the companies. In the US the advertising people have effectively missed the product placement boat, and in this country, agencies are still smarting after the slow way they climbed on the sponsorship bandwagon. Many feel determined not to get caught out this time round.

Leading the field is Dorlands where Nick Farley, a director, is trying to sell the idea to his clients, which include Rover, whose new car Dorlands will be promoting. But he is determined not to go down the crude American route. He feels product placement there has been given a bad name by scatter-gun tactics which pay no

attention to the precise placing of a product.

"The real value of placement", he says, "lies in product positioning. With ordinary advertising you can only say so much. With placement you can hint at what kind of product it is, far more effectively. For example, you can always see cars, but placement says this is the kind of car driven by this kind of man."

Peter Finch, a director of Ayer Barker, has come out fiercely against the whole idea. Writing in *Campaign*, advertising's trade magazine, he said: "It represents a fundamental blurring of the distinction between advertising and editorial that compromises one of the basic strengths of our business. Advertising is founded on an essential honesty: we always acknowledge we're making a sale."

Finch wants agencies to make clear that they "will not compromise the integrity of the product even if film-makers can be tempted to compromise theirs". The implication is that placement comes perilously close to subliminal advertising.

The placement people do not see it that way. Their readiness to discuss the industry as a serious, respectable business reflects a certainty that the shadow of the backlot backhanders has long since gone.

But on one aspect of the business they all suddenly button up. What about television? "No

comment", said Gottlieb. "No comment", said Pickering. "No comment", said Farley.

The reason is that large-scale product placement on television is the ultimate coup. A well-placed product can appear weekly, seen by millions at a time; a film which contains substantial product placement and then goes on to be known in the business as "media roll-out". The attraction is that television producers cannot edit out products as they can sex and violence: equally, while television has clear guidelines over advertising for its producers, as yet there are no guidelines referring to feature films which are bought in.

"Bought in programmes are not something we can control closely, but I don't think we have a serious problem yet", says Michael Bunce, head of BBC publicity.

Kovaloff's famous coup in this area was to persuade the kids in *Fame* to dance around carrying packets of Tide. But in Britain it is a sensitive subject: both the rules of the IBA and the BBC forbid undue prominence being given to commercial products. Both confirmed that they would reject any attempt by manufacturers to pay for placements.

But there are very grey areas. When Frank and Nesta Bough were sent on a driving tour round France for a BBC holiday programme, Ford were asked to provide a car. They supplied an Escort cabriolet from their press fleet. There was no payment. Sales of cabriolets can hardly have been hindered by several weeks of exposure in a perfect promotional setting with the implied endorsement of such a famous figure.

The BBC says the car was requested for logistical reasons. Bough and his wife were filming only at weekends so one car had to be kept in France all the time, it had to be soft-top, and so on. A fee was offered to Ford but refused.

Overall there is no question that agencies are angling to get on television and turn lucky opportunities like Ford's into a systematic business. Yet they know they cannot talk about it, for the only way into the existing channels is through the back door - by admission that it happens will force the IBA and the BBC to act.

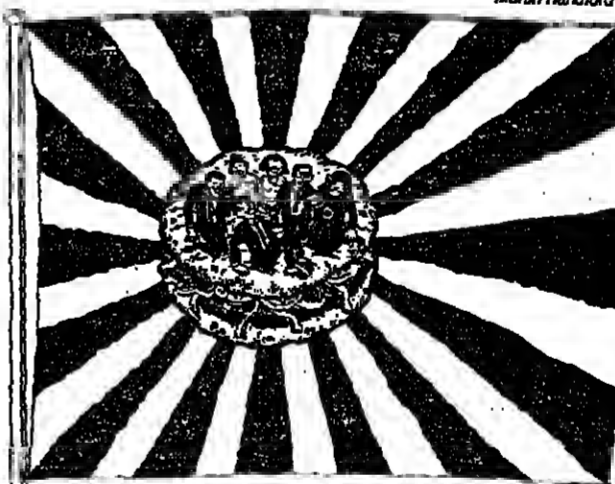
However, enforcement is a big problem. With the proliferation of independent production companies and television and video material in general, who is to know when a product has been placed or when it just happens to be there? The demands of realism can hardly be met if all commercial products are kept out of shot.

Judging by the placement industry's expansion so far it seems clear that television is simply the next challenge. So watch for the odd product which just happens to get into shot. When the product placers are at work, nothing is there by accident.

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Changing face of the East

The eastern cult for junk food may be having a remarkable effect on the health and appearance of Japan's youngsters



Renowned as a nation of skilled imitators, Japan has now taken the art of the copycat to its ultimate: the Japanese face is becoming westernized. The transformation from the relatively round, proportionately large, high-cheekboned face to one that is smaller and more oval is occurring, according to epidemiologists in Tokyo, among younger Japanese as part of what must be one of the most rapid evolutionary changes of all time. The cause, they believe, is the rapid Americanization of the Japanese diet.

The unending international debate about diet and disease constantly focuses on Japan for proof or refutation of arguments, particularly about the link between dietary fat and heart disease. Ynn do not need to stay long in Tokyo or any other Japanese city to see why. Dunkin' Donuts, Baskin-Robbins ice-cream parlours, and other American fast-food establishments are on every corner.

The new food could hardly be more different from the traditional Japanese diet of rice, vegetables and fish, both raw and cooked. The young people who eat it do not need to chew nearly as much, and as a result their jaws are less developed. The shape of the face is changing accordingly, with the sort of associated dental problems and sinus troubles that worry westerners. There is even a discernable trend towards shortsightedness.

On the positive side, the youngsters are average 4in taller than their parents. And in terms of longevity, Japan leads the world with life expectancy 74 years for men and 80 for women, three years longer than in Britain. Infant mortality is also the world's lowest.

But the nation that has shot from feudal backwardness to the world's second most powerful economy in less than a century could still pay a price for its affluence. Some nutri-

tionists believe that a growing incidence of obesity means that Japan could enter the Guinness Book of Records on another count, as the first major nation to suffer a significant fall in key health indices such as longevity.

Toshiko Suzuki, an adviser to the food and agriculture ministry, says: "The unwanted and unsightly problem of obesity is creeping on Japan. But how do you stop a megatrend?" Japan's traditional diet is often linked with the country's low incidence of heart disease, but the experts are still at odds over this; they are not even sure whether heart disease is increasing. Meanwhile, there are other health problems.

For centuries, the main cause of natural death among Japanese was cerebrovascular stroke. It causes more deaths than cancer and heart disease combined. Strokes continue at a higher rate than in most countries, due perhaps to traditionally highly salted fish and fermented seasonings like soy sauce.

The same causes are attributed to the commonest malignancy, stomach cancer, possibly exacerbated by very hot drinks and spitting at meals, which impedes the flow of gastric juices. But western forms of cancer are taking over and clearly indicate diet as a main cause.

According to a report by the Japan Dietetic Association all the main western "killer" diseases are coming to the fore. Cancer of the breast, liver and colon are appearing significantly for the first time and

their increasing incidence parallels the rising consumption of meat and the growing use of animal rather than vegetable oils in cooking. Deaths from diabetes have trebled in 25 years.

Lung cancer has also doubled in a generation: the Japanese are heavy smokers and there are as yet no controls on cigarette advertising or tar content.

A health ministry expert on obesity, Professor Haruo Nakamura, said that because cholesterol levels among Japanese under 25 are now even higher than those of a similar age in the United States, he is

fearful about the future. "I am particularly concerned that heart disease will continue to increase", he said.

The authorities are trying hard to limit the trend. Where as our own NHS employs only 1,000 dieticians, Japan, with twice the population, employs 50 times as many and has an additional 150,000 trained volunteers in the community.

The problem is that it is very chic in Japan to follow western fashions. Women are wearing jeans, Mozart provides background music in lifts and there is an extensive equivalent of *Fragglis* - Japglis - which figures on shop fronts, posters and hoardings, magazines and, increasingly, in daily life.

It is more than a matter of fashion, however. Today's Japanese are such workaholics, and society values hard work so highly, that convenience foods are a godsend, in particular for working women. Traditional cuisine with its varied ingredients - 30 or 40 in a typical meal - is very time-consuming.

Until science establishes some cast-iron links between western diet and western disease, it seems unlikely that Japan will revert to rice, seaweed and shellfish.

David Loshak

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- ACROSS
- 1 Casual trousers (6)
 - 5 Binding strip (4)
 - 8 Respond (5)
 - 9 Revival (7)
 - 11 Brain membrane (8)
 - 13 Joke (4)
 - 15 Precedure check-up (6,7)
 - 17 Barred enclosure (4)
 - 18 Not curved (8)
 - 21 Bag (7)
 - 22 Eskimo coat (5)
 - 23 Group (4)
 - 24 Bull (6)

- DOWN
- 2 Find out (5)
 - 3 Cash (3)
 - 4 Stealthy (13)
 - 5 Underground (4)
 - 6 Upstart (7)
 - 7 At first sight (5,5)



- 16 Hired Assassin (7,5)
- 17 Corner (4)
- 18 Operatic song (4)
- 16 Readable (7)
- 19 Circumference (5)
- 20 Cart (4)
- 22 Pastry dish (3)

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FASHION by Suzy Menkes

The present tense of French dress

French fashion is centre stage in London this spring. Harrods is holding a six week long Gallic promotion. This morning, Princess Stephanie of Monaco unveils her swimsuit collection. French shop openings and designer launches both suggest that Paris is fashion's leader again. But do we insular British understand the language of their clothes? For those who have left the pen of their aunt in the schoolroom, here are some useful exercises - for intermediary and advanced fashion students as well as beginners.

PREMIÈRE LEÇON - FIRST LESSON

PRESENT TENSE OF FRENCH FASHION

Write out in full

- (1) London likes French fashion
- (2) Is Paris making a come-back?
- (3) Yves does not find Karl sympathetic
- (4) Princess Stephanie designs sexy swimsuits

DEUXIÈME LEÇON - SECOND LESSON

REGULAR AND IRREGULAR COMMENTS

Decline

- (1) I (the Fashion Editor) admire French fashion
- (2) You (familiar) are too fat to wear it
- (3) She (Princess Stephanie) is in the Pool Position
- (4) Are we (the British) dressing with French polish?
- (5) You (plural) are going shopping
- (6) They (the French) are making millions of francs

TROISIÈME LEÇON - THIRD LESSON

USEFUL FASHION PHRASES

A. What do you understand by the following terms?

- Chic - entente cordiale - nouvelle vague - louche - enfant terrible
- B. Choosing one of the above, complete the sentences below
- (1) Jean Paul Gaultier is the of French fashion
- (2) This YSL suit is the height of Parisian
- (3) Lolita Lempicka is a young French designer of the
- (4) How deliciously is French lingerie!
- (5) In-store French promotions cement the

QUATRIÈME LEÇON - FOURTH LESSON

FRENCH FASHION: PAST, IMPERFECT, FUTURE

Repeat with French accent

- (1) Skirts will be short, tight and sexy this spring
- (2) Givenchy dressed Audrey Hepburn in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.
- (3) Was French fashion losing its way in the swinging Sixties?
- (4) Chanel opens a new shop in Sloane Street in April
- (5) Have you lost your waistline?
- (6) Harrods will hold French fashion shows all this week

CINQUIÈME LEÇON - FIFTH LESSON

A. SUBJUNCTIVE

- (1) Coco would love Karl's collection, as it is in her spirit
- (2) French fashion should score, now the body is back
- (3) If you want fit, Alata is your man

B. IMPERATIVE

- (1) Buy French!
- (2) Remember the Italians!
- (3) We must not forget British Fashion Week in March!

SIXIÈME LEÇON - SIXTH LESSON

POSSESSIVES

Using the picture (below) as a guide, put into French

- (1) Prince Rainier's younger daughter
- (2) The decline of the bra
- (3) Stephanie's design partner, Alix de la Comble
- (4) A Princess of the 1980s



Above: the essential Parisian silhouette for a mock-couture fine wool dress in gray with white piqué collar and askew bow tie. By Odile Lanson, £185 from Harrods Younger Set designer room. Cream felt bowler hat £19, bow trim black and white leather gloves, £44.95, both from Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1. Black leather pumps, £39.99, from Hobbs, South Molton Street, W1 and branches. Tights by Charnos.



Top right: the new Chanel. Safari beige gaberdine coat dress with lightly padded raglan shoulders, contrasting black lapels and cinching gilt-buckled belt, £525. Gilt chain belts and sunburst earrings from a selection, all at Chanel Boutique, 26 Old Bond Street, W1.



Right: fine French tailoring for Yves Saint Laurent's white grosgrain fitted jacket and slim skirt, for YSL Variation, £360 from Harrods International Room. Chimney pot hat by J. Barthe, £185. White kid gloves with embroidered flowers, £59. Geometric coral crystal earrings and necklace from Yves Saint Laurent collection at Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1.

Make-up: Ruth Sheldon using pinks and oranges from Les Cosmétiques collection by CHANEL. Hair: Guido for Tony and Guy.

Photographs by NICK BRIGGS taken at The Criterion Brasserie, Piccadilly



Has *Spitting Image* got it right? Its vision of Mrs Thatcher as a dominating figure imprisoned in pinstripes may be prescient rather than vicious. For the image-makers still believe that it is a businessman's world. Last week Austin Reed unveiled a programme to persuade male and female executives to dress for success. "Looking the Part" is a 12-minute video emphasizing power dressing: the quality of the cloth, the importance of fit and the way to pick a shirt to suit. Women are allowed a little controlled fantasy with colour (her male colleague plays with his tie pattern).

BUSINESS (MEN) AS USUAL

The boardroom reality, according to Austin Reed's retail managing director, Peter Reed, is classic tailoring. Fashion as I understand it - the subtle changes of shape, cut and fit - simply passes the boss class by. Fashion has certainly failed to make its mark on *Business*, a new magazine launched last week jointly by Conde Nast, the *Financial Times* and Kevin Kelly of the *World of Interiors*. It is aimed at the pin-striped heart of the market, with

picture spreads on football, Hong Kong high flyers, and the grounding of the glorious grouse. British publishers have often flirted with a men's style magazine on the lines of the American *GQ*. In *Business*, not even a macho spread on watches interferes with the flow of company profiles. I expect that the magazine will be a huge success. After all, real men probably care about making money, making women and making an impression in that order. They certainly don't wear skirts. Maybe it's time that women execs aped that too.

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THE TIMES DIARY

A touch of Feydough

Don't laugh, but former farceur Brian Rix has been asked to become chairman of the Arts Council's drama panel.

● Pinned on Coventry railway station is the sign: "Ladies' toilet out of order. Please use no 1 Platform."

No Scruton

Ray Honeyford may have resigned but the bitterness continues. Roger Scruton was due to speak at Leeds Civic Hall tomorrow.

BARRY FANTONI



'Just long enough to find parking space at the supermarket'

High-level leaks

Is there something about American nuclear power stations that Washington doesn't know but British Airways does?

No morals

Talking of censorship, a reader refers me to the new biography of Robert Graves by Martin Seymour-Smith.

● A football match between MPs and House of Commons staff at the weekend had to be cancelled.

Dishing up

Professor Alan Peacock, chairman of the inquiry into BBC financing, is taking his box-watching duties seriously.

Paris One of the more dramatic effects of a night-wind victory in the French general election on March 16 would be a significant weakening of the man who now enjoys more power than any other leader in the western world: President Francois Mitterrand.

The French president's power, according to one senior western diplomat, "is out of all comparison with that of the US president."

Ever since the founding of a truly presidential regime in France under the Fifth Republic in 1958, successive presidents, starting with General de Gaulle, have taken more and more power into their own hands.

In opposition, Mitterrand severely criticized the anti-democratic institutions of the Fifth Republic and condemned what he described as de Gaulle's coup d'etat permanent.

Under Article 20 of the constitution, the prime minister is supposed to "determine and carry out the policy of the nation".

Mitterrand alone decided to put up the much-contested glass pyramid in front of the Louvre; to welcome General Jaruzelski to Paris; to bomb the Libyan-controlled strip in Northern Chad;

to abandon the bill to reform the private, predominantly Roman Catholic school system; to give the concession for France's first private television channel to the controversial Seydoux-Bertusconi team.

The degree to which the president controls the life of the nation is reflected in the extraordinary way everything seems to come to a full stop when he goes on foreign trips. In a recent book, La Vie quotidienne d'Alain, Thierry Pfister, chief aide to Pierre Mauroy when he was prime minister, gives a clear picture of the way Mitterrand acts as the central axis around which government revolves.

Everything flows into, and out of, the Elysee Palace. If a minister wants to take some initiative he seeks an audience with the relevant presidential aide rather than with the prime minister.

"Everyone goes in fear of Mitterrand. It is not a good thing for democracy," one close friend said. Mitterrand is by nature a proud, autocratic man who hates to be crossed and who has always expected his followers to pay him court.

Catherine Nay, in her best-selling biography of Mitterrand, Le Noir et le Rouge, quotes Andre Rousselet, another intimate friend and now head of the Havas advertising agency, as saying that after Mitterrand's election in 1981, nothing changed for his immediate entourage.

All Mitterrand's friends comment on his evident love of the exercise of power. "He is not a man to want to share power, nor a man to give it up without a hard fight," one said. "So even if the Socialist suffered a really severe defeat on March 16, it is unlikely he would resign on the night of the elections. He is a fighter and will still try to cling to power."

Johannesburg Dr Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert, the former leader of the official white opposition in South Africa, caused a furor in liberal circles here when he abruptly quit parliament on February 17, declaring that parliamentary politics had become "a grotesque ritual of irrelevance" incapable of bringing apartheid to an end.

On leaving parliament, in which he had led the staunchly anti-apartheid Progressive Federal Party (PFP) since 1979, Slabbert declared that he intended henceforth to pursue what he called "the politics of negotiation" outside, from where he believes the main pressures for change will now come.

For many liberals, his decision was a cruel blow. In effect, their former leader was telling them that they had been wasting their time. PFP veterans such as Helen Suzman, who weathered 13 long years as the sole anti-apartheid voice on the opposition benches during the Verwoerd and Vorster periods, felt betrayed and told him so. He was widely accused of lacking staying power and of an act of gross self-indulgence.

Stanley Uys, the noted liberal commentator and fellow Afrikaner, described Slabbert's resignation as "incomprehensible". No one, he said, had been in a better position to negotiate with the ANC on a transfer of political power, and that day is still a long way off.

The opposite view is argued by Allister Sparks, former editor of the now defunct Rand Daily Mail, who wrote recently that by resigning from parliament Slabbert had "placed himself in a unique position to be a potential future mediator as the seemingly unavoidable confrontation between African and Afrikaner nationalists intensifies".

Diana Geddes outlines the likely tensions between president and prime minister if the right wins the French general election

Clinging on to power - if he can



in parliament and therefore of the government - will have been removed.

Commenting recently on the possibility of a right-wing victory, Mitterrand said: "Depending on the results, my role could change, but my function, duties and rights will remain the same, whatever happens."

The ambiguous terms in which the constitution sets out the president's powers have never been tested. It appears to allow two very different readings, one giving the upper hand to the president, the other giving control of the nation's affairs to the prime minister and parliament.

As Charles Pasqua, leader of the Gaullist RPR Group in the senate, commented last week: "If Mitterrand wants to stay, that's his problem. We will accept it because we respect the constitution."

Ministers will no longer run to the Elysee once they realize that the Matignon, the prime minister's office, controls the funds they need for their pet projects.

Slabbert resignation: Michael Hornsby on the questions that remain unanswered

Mediator or collaborator?

What this view argues, in essence, is that Slabbert has accurately detected a fundamental shift in the balance of power from parliamentary to extra-parliamentary politics, and has shrewdly invested in the future. It can only be a matter of time, it is suggested, before the government is forced to negotiate with such groups as the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), and the former PFP leader, with his impeccable Afrikaner and liberal credentials, will then be available as the obvious go-between.

But is such a role feasible, or is it just another South African liberal pipe-dream? It is true that Slabbert's resignation has boosted his credibility among many blacks, but a mediating role would only have meaning if Pretoria was prepared to negotiate with the ANC on a transfer of political power, and that day is still a long way off.

Slabbert's potential as a mediator has also been seriously compromised by President P. W. Botha's decision to publish the transcript of a confidential conversation held between the two men on November 25 last year which, unknown to Slabbert, was being tape-recorded.

of him only by forcing him to offer his resignation and that of his government. In the past, when the prime minister depended on the president's patronage, that was a relatively simple matter. But it will not be so easy if the prime minister derives his authority from a parliamentary majority opposed to the president.

Some opposition leaders, including ex-president Giscard d'Estaing, maintain that in such circumstances the president would be deprived of all decision-making and executive power, save that of dissolving parliament and pressing the nuclear button. But since the elected president is traditionally seen as the embodiment of the will of the people, Mitterrand will retain a certain power and influence.

He will naturally play on the prestige of his office to the fullest possible extent. He has no intention of turning himself into a constitutional monarch, passing his time in "inaugurating champagne shows", as de Gaulle said of the figurehead presidents of the Third and Fourth Republics.

However, the opposition parties have made it equally clear that they will not deprive themselves of one iota of the power which they insist will rightfully be theirs once they get their majority. Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist RPR leader and most likely to be the next prime minister, said last week that Mitterrand must give a clear undertaking that he will allow a new right-wing government to introduce in full, "without compromise or concession", the programme on which it was elected before any opposition leader would agree to become prime minister.

advise him on how to "draw its teeth". He also suggests that the ANC is "a myth" and "a romantic picture" which exists largely in the minds of people overseas.

Slabbert and Botha are also shown agreeing with each other that the ANC and Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, leader of the rival Zulu-dominated Inkatha movement, both want to be "the only bull in the kraal". Chief Buthelezi has since replied waspishly by saying that they sounded like two white bosses discussing their problems with "a difficult, uppity Kaffir".

It may be that Slabbert was simply using language and concepts which Botha would be likely to understand in an attempt to establish areas of agreement that could later be exploited. A less charitable interpretation is that Slabbert's resignation was motivated mainly by pique that he was not taken into Botha's confidence more fully.

Either way, the general feeling here is that Slabbert still has some explaining to do, both to his fellow white liberals whom he left in the lurch and to the extra-parliamentary groups with whom he apparently hopes to co-operate in future.

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As for foreign policy issues, which have been regarded under the Fifth Republic as the president's special preserve, Chirac has said these would be a matter for the new right-wing prime minister to decide "because he will have both the means and the control".

Given the apparently contradictory positions of Mitterrand and the opposition on a division of power, it is difficult to see how "cohabitation" could be peaceful. However, Mitterrand and Chirac - if he is the next prime minister - will both have a vested interest in making cohabitation at least appear to work.

Neither wants to give Barre the credit and satisfaction of having his own predictions of political chaos and paralysis under "cohabitation" proved right. So there will have to be more give and take than either is now willing to admit.

But how could Mitterrand ever agree to sign some of the legislation likely to be passed by a new right-wing majority in parliament, it is asked? Well, precisely! There is little to the opposition's remarkably moderate election manifesto that Mitterrand should have too much trouble swallowing. He has already said he does not regard nationalization as a panacea.

So there does not need to be a head-on clash, provided neither side wants one. "Mitterrand does not want a cohabitation of conflict," a Gaullist friend said. "He is flexible; he will be willing to accept many things. But he must not be humiliated, otherwise he is liable to turn nasty."

In a television interview on Sunday, Mitterrand hinted for the first time that he might resign if robbed of too much power: "I would prefer to renounce my office than renounce the powers of my office... There is no question of my becoming a cut-price president."

Earlier in the interview he again declared that he intended to serve out his full seven-year term and warned of a "certain disorder and difficulties" if the election resulted in a right-wing majority.

If the right does win, most of Mitterrand's real powers are likely to seep away. But, come 1988, the new president will probably resume control of the majority in parliament and become once again the most powerful man in the western world.

Digby Anderson

Give the law a day off too

Sunday shop-opening is a straightforward matter for two groups. Illiberal Christians are against permitting consenting adults to buy and sell what they wish on Sundays and want them punished with the full force of the law.

Their conclusions will turn on their view not so much of Sunday trading as of the law. But first they will listen carefully to the arguments of their church leaders. These are not (and I am concerned throughout with the Church of England) in general derived from sabbatarianism. They are not about church attendance: few fear that committed Christians will be unable to attend a church. Nor is the main issue shopworkers' "rights": the hishops were criticized by the Labour Party for not supporting such "rights".

Anyhow, the well-informed liberal knows that the rights of those who wish not to work have to be weighed against the rights of those who do and consumers who pay both. He also knows that Sunday shops often employ a separate labour force, and that stores report a queue of applicants wanting to escape the "rights" which the unrepresentative Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers would have imposed.

No, the church leaders have two points. The minor one is that, as the petitions show, activist church members are strongly against Sunday shopping. The Christian liberal will balance that against the polls which persistently show the larger non-church population for it. The major point is that Sunday ought to remain "special".

And is the present British Sunday a "day of rest"? "Rest", like rhythm, sounds nice. It has biblical associations and suggests deserved tranquillity, requiem. But might not "lounging to bed", "sleeping off last night's excesses", "dozing fitfully after too much beef and yellow sprouts both even more over-cooked than lotened because of father's late return from the Red Lion", "watching pornographic videos" or "rowing

with the children, who are bored" be more accurate descriptions of many Sundays?

Another word used like "rest" rhetorically to sanctify a largely secular argument, and thus make it the church's concern, is "family". Sunday is a family day. But it will not have escaped the liberal's Christian notice that buying or even selling, for example, tinned baby food on Sunday is not the main threat to the family.

For 25 years, it has been subverted by many permissive attitudes to and tax-funded subsidies for abortion, divorce, sex outside marriage and its consequences and perversion. Against none of these has the Church of England mounted the same unanimous attack as it has on the comparatively trivial issue of Sunday shopping.

Others propose this be sold and not that, this size shop open but not that, "small" shops with turnover below £x be open but not those above. How would officers enforce such Byzantine regulations? Such unenforceable law is not only bad itself it brings the law generally into disrepute and erodes law-abiding habits.

For in the end the controversy is about the proper and disseminate use of law. Modern society relies too much on more and more laws to solve its problems: there are now 3,100 general public acts in force plus 13,000 general statutory instruments.

Yet old, even archaic laws are rarely repealed, though many would never now be passed as new laws. Would any of those pleading for the retention of the Sunday laws be rash enough to advocate them as new laws? How many would support them if they did?

We might learn here from the bumble university librarian. Faced with reduced budgets, he makes any order for a new journal conditional on the proposer indicating an existing journal for discontinuation. Had such a system operated for politicians proposing legislation, the laws prohibiting Sunday shopping would have gone long ago.

Even if the Christian liberal prefers his Sunday to remain as it is, and other people's to remain as he wishfully imagines them to be, he will understand that in this case it is inappropriate, even harmful, to use the full majesty of the law to impose his preference. But then, how many other Christian liberals are there today?

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moreover... Miles Kingston

No rest from the baize haze

And welcome to tonight's snooker special, which comes from the Dylan Thomas Memorial Hall in Cardiff, or perhaps it's the Robin Hood Stadium in Nottingham, or it could be the Arthur Scargill Assembly Rooms in Doncaster - or maybe Newcastle - anyway it's a very important snooker tournament, because whoever wins this contest will surely be in line to be favourite for the Washing Up Powder Championship which begins next week in Sheffield, or do I mean the Frilly Bow-Tie Premier Title which starts early tomorrow morning in Hong Kong? Dick?

Thank you, Brian, and you join us at a very crucial moment, because we are just moving towards the quarter-final stage of the D. H. Lawrence Cemetery Snooker Cup here at the Crucifix in Nottingham, with Willie Cook leading Steve Cook by five frames to two. You have to remember that each round is the best of 57 frames, so either man can win. Brian?

Thanks, Dick. To get to this round, Willie Cook had to beat Eddie Cook, the enormous Canadian, and Steve Cook had to edge out Alan ap Cook, the wily Welshman, and my goodness what a tussle that was, as you'll know if you stayed up until two o'clock this morning. It all went to the final black on the 57th frame, and I don't suppose we shall see a better game of snooker unless we stay up until two o'clock tonight, Dick?

As you say, Brian, this is snooker at its very best, which is what we always expect from the Plastic Flower Display Tournament here at Grantham, or Peterborough, at any rate it's somewhere on the A1, personally I find it very hard to tell one snooker game from another these days, but one thing's certain, you join us at a very crucial moment, Brian?

What's that, Dick? Crucial moment, Brian.

Oh, that's right, Dick, because as you join us here at the quarter-final stage of the Crucial Moment Cup, Willie Cook must get the pink to stay in this frame, and if he doesn't, Steve Cook will be right back in the game. Both men have shown exceptional courage to stick with it this far, and the same goes for us, would you agree with that, Dick?

I certainly would, Brian, because personally I haven't the faintest idea what's going on, sometimes I wake up and think to myself, wouldn't it be nice to have a day without snooker, I mean for instance I think this is the Stripey Waistcoat World Championship here at the Government Warning Hall in Leeds, and that's Terry "Whirlwind" Cook trying to get back on the blue with a dangerous cushion shot, but I could be totally mistaken. Dick?

No, I'm Brian.

Right, Brian? And Cook has to get this yellow down, because otherwise it will mean snookers. Of course, this isn't happening now, it's happening much earlier in the evening, and we already know which of these two men won, but we have to keep it a secret, otherwise you wouldn't even switch on to watch. Willie Cook, remember, is wearing the tight waistcoat, and Steve Cook is wearing the full swathed ball-gown in tulle. Dick?

Thank you, Brian, and now Willie is going for a very difficult double off the back cushion... and there he goes! He hurtles down through the air, twisting as he goes, a jack-knife and a double somersault, then he hits the water! Oh my goodness, an absolutely stunning entry... or should I say that he cannoned off the pink and messed up the whole shot? Brian?

What I think we have to remember at this stage is that this is the 23rd major tournament these men have faced this week, so it's not surprising that they're a little tired. Willie Cook is now getting into his pyjamas prior to his next shot, but let's remember that he has to play an exhibition match in Hong Kong tonight and be back for tomorrow's session. It must be a terrible strain, playing non-stop snooker - what's really amazing is that anyone is still watching it, Dick?

And the crowd has gone absolutely mad!

Has it?

Yes, they're still here. Any sane crowd would be home in bed by now. And so with the score at 156 frames each, a good night from the Treford Challenge Cup here at the Old Bus Shelter. Working, or somewhere like that.

THE ARTS

Television Without question

Mazimba (Channel 4) was a profile of - effectively an advertisement for - the Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College in Tanzania...

It started with a bland montage - it could have been lifted straight from the pages of an in-flight magazine - showing infants playing happily together on climbing frames...

To dispense its partiality, we were given a great deal of so-called hard information about day-care facilities, crèches and the achievement of carving a community out of the East African wilderness...

Sandwiching the facts were interviews but these, rather than rescue the situation, worsened it. Students describing their harrowing experiences in South Africa all spoke a sort of liberation newspeak...

This was bad advertising. Somebody, somewhere along the line, seems to have forgotten that documentaries ought to probe and question.

The trouble with a put-up job like this is that one ends by throwing out the baby with the bathwater and dismissing everything. Honest and truthful content becomes stigmatized by association...

Carlo Gebler

Galleries England's complexion

The British Face Colnaghi

Scottie Wilson Mayor/Gillian Jason/ Third Eye Centre, Glasgow

The British Face? Is there, or was there ever, such a thing? No doubt it is more likely that something distinguishable as such existed during the period covered by the show, called The British Face...

No, if there is indeed a consistency, it must be a consistency in the thing painted. Maybe not all the portraits included are totally accurate renderings of their subjects...

before the nineteenth century seem to have cared too much whether they looked handsome or pretty, but rather whether their rank and riches and general importance were properly indicated.

The other surprise is that our sense of closeness is constantly enhanced by the feeling that, for all the waves of differing colour which have recently been lapping our shores, you could still go out on any street and see people who looked just like this.

Often the most striking individual portraits are by the admittedly lesser painters: Nathaniel Dance's

Thomas Assheton-Smith Esq. for instance, with its humour and vulnerability, or Tilly Kettle's faintly effete Portrait of a Gentleman, or Mason Chamberlain's George, 21st Earl of Crawford with Two of his Sons...

From mainline British art to almost as honoured British eccentricity, Scottie Wilson was a naive artist and sometimes, in his haunted quality, close to being that other kind of revered outsider, the lunatic artist.

For it is, when you come down to it, all much the same. George Melly



Faces recognizably with us still? - the humour and vulnerability of Dance's Thomas Assheton-Smith Esq. and Romney's Anne Verelst, making us wonder how he will stand up to a major retrospective (details)



gives us ample detail on Wilson's background, which was to say the least of it, varied: born in Whitechapel of Russian Jewish immigrants, he was brought up in Glasgow, thrown into employment as a child with no conventional schooling...

as opposed to psychotic in that it does not attempt to render, however inadequately, external reality, but resolves itself entirely into decorative patterns, slightly suggestive of the decorations in gypsy caravans or on traditional canal barges.

children's colouring book - suggest genuine folk-art, from a wide variety of sources, including American Indian totem beads he apparently saw while in Canada.

Taken one by one, the pieces are very interesting, quite often for essentially non-artistic reasons, and very easy to take. Collectively one may find that quite a little goes a long way.

John Russell Taylor

Theatre Champion disintegration

The Boxer Benny Lynch Iron, Glasgow

Benny Lynch's is a story close to the heart of Glasgow in many ways. Most Glasgow people remember Lynch the legend and many Lynch the man. It is the gap between the two and his people that emerges in Peter Arnott's play about the boxer who literally fought his way out of the Gorbals to become flyweight champion of the world...

needed both his rise and his fall. The picture of Lynch is drawn not so much psychologically from inside, but from outside: each scene a new round, showing him facing one of the key issues or moments in his life.

In United Artists Scotland's production Lloyd Quinlan's direction manages the episodic structure deftly, neatly linking the scenes but keeping them bright, taut and low-key to make the most of Arnott's ability to write delicate characters and launch them into witty, crisp and entirely believable dialogue.

A terse, understated relationship is worked up between Lynch and his trainer, Sammy Wilson (played by Jake d'Arcy with resigned sternness), and while sadly telling humour surrounds Lynch's first meeting with the cocktail set and his Greta Green wedding (Robert Carr playing a wonderfully pragmatic "preacher" amongst other parts), his wife's account of leaving the lost, alcoholic Benny is sentimental, direct and moving.

Here the tragedy of Lynch's disintegration does not diminish his real stature. Leonard O'Malley takes him from the witty, resilient character to a man trapped in the gap between himself and his image, aware of somehow being conned - his final throwaway question drawing out the relevance of Arnott's play.

Sarah Hemming

Concerts

BBCSO/Davis Festival Hall/ Radio 3

Just like Halley's Comet, with which it seems to feel a certain affinity, Tippett's The Mask of Time has come back. The return of his latest magnum opus after its Boston premiere in April 1984 and its London Proms debut three months later, has, predictably, been lit by much celebration and many words.

Words, from Shelley to Yeats, from Eliot to Akhmatova, are the generating system of this massive 10-part pageant for voices and instruments. They must, though, be eaten up by the music, instead their way deeper into performers' and listeners' process of assimilation certainly increases.

Sunday's performance revealed a new confidence, a new fluency and flexibility. Andrew Davis conducted the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Chorus and Singers as he did at the Proms: their responses were mercurial and passionate. Those of the soloists, Faye Robinson and John Cheek, already familiar with the work, and Sarah Walker and Robert Tear, were equally remarkable in meeting Tippett's ecstatic vocal writing with quick and deep understanding.

The sureness of Tippett's masterstrokes was surer still: the burning brass mirage of sun-rays, the exquisite ritual dance of flutes, harp and pitched percussion in the "Paradise Garden", the perfect realization in "Hiroshima" and the instrumental preludes of "Whitening Light". But, even if the words were ever adequately digested (and of that I remain unconvinced), what nourishment is provided in the end?

The fact that there is so little satisfying musical progress or development may not be entirely disconnected from the fact that in this Mask scheme of life for the regenerative power of love, human or divine. This, as the poet Andrew Marvell knew in addressing his Coy Mistress, was the way of not only toying and dallying with Time but playing it at its own game.

Hilary Finch

Bruno Leonardo Gelber Wigmore Hall

It is still an ambitious pianist who elects to devote his entire recital to Beethoven sonatas. But Bruno Leonardo Gelber is a positive player, equipped with abundant intellect and the sensitivity to render with sometimes startling clarity the moods as well as the formal designs of this composer. He does it too with a personality that goes hand-in-hand with the music rather than overwhelms it.

His choice, perhaps wisely for a player still comparatively young even though enormously experienced, veered towards the earlier sonatas, none more successful than the earliest, the C major, Op 2 No 3. Gelber here showed all the

Camden Festival

Apartment House 1776 Diorama

So there I was, staring down from the second floor of its grey circling corridors into the hollow octagon of the Diorama near Regent's Park, hearing the turbid mix of sounds sloshing about below, when all of a sudden a light goes on across the melting pot, and a girl in vivid orange leans out from her window to sing, as I am leaning out from mine, to listen to the strong, clear outlines of the Dutch folksong she flings out. It was a moment of musical communication, a scrap of intense colour leaping out of the mangled musical Plasticine; the kind of thing that is inclined to happen when one goes along to one of these Cage jamborees.

I had met a colleague leaving as I arrived, and asked him how the performance was going. "Oh, you know how Cage is." And so I do: instantly there was the image of recordings burbling forth, of instrumentalists solemnly playing the music of no-mind, of a liter of cigarette ends, white plastic beakers and unfinished guacamole, of an audience beached on cushions and of babes in Osh Kosh dungarees and Peruvian knitter being dandled in the air of alternative culture.

Stephen Pettitt

It does not matter very much whether the "work" is HPSCHD, as it was at the Proms a decade ago, or Roaratorio, as it was in Islington three years back, or Apartment House 1776, as it was on this occasion (though for the record I should note that Apartment House was commissioned for the American Bicentennial, and that it is a monument to immigration: indigenous American, African and European music is heard from tapes, supplied here by the British Sound Archive, while the players - we had Circle conducted by Gregory Rose - offer strange dismantled versions of hymns and marches from 1776).

Why then does one keep going? It is for surprises like the one I described, and conversely for a comforting familiarity. One knows how Cage is. Dick Wirts, responsible for music at the Camden Festival, cheerfully excused a late change in the venue as "somehow appropriate" for Cage, which suggests the awesome scale of the man's achievement.

A Beethovenian happening in one's life would have to be something special, a Schumannesque circumstance is barely imaginable. But just by making a hash of things one enters into the spirit of Cage.

Paul Griffiths

Opera

I vespri siciliani Teatro Comunale, Bologna

No mature Verdi opera is in greater need of the whole-hearted skill and confidence of its interpreters than I vespri siciliani, and nowhere is its rehabilitation more desirable than in Italy itself. The banality of Scribe's libretto, and Verdi's less than successful attempt to marry his musical inspiration to French operatic conventions of the 1850s, have generally been held as insuperable obstacles.

Chailly, with the help of the producer-designer team of Luca Ronconi and Pasquale Grossi and a well-chosen cast, brings Vespi to life as an example of Verdi's blood-thirsty Romanticism, less beautiful perhaps than its contemporaries in the Verdi canon, but more sophisticated than the work of his early career.

Chailly's incisive command was evident from the start, the orchestral attack in the overture highlighting the contrasts of bric and bon in Verdi's melodies. In the arias, the vocal lines were linked with deft instrumental strokes; the shaping of the two great duets in Acts III and IV was a source of equal pleasure.

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than the work of his early career. Chailly has in recent years been quietly establishing his Verdi credentials around Europe: he brings to Vespi his gift for fine-lined musical drama, a sense of proportion and ear for lyrical detail, but above all the ability to pump the adrenalin of his orchestra and soloists. It was this air of excitement, of large-scale Verdian drama fleshed out with highly-exposed opportunities for vocal prowess, that gave Vespi such an unexpected air of distinction.

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Susan Dunn, measuring up superbly to Elena on her Italian debut, with the solemn Bonaldo Giacomini as Procida

could hide the occasional crudity of invention in Verdi's staccato part-writing. Taken as a whole, however, the wells of Verdi's native Italian inspiration are - on this evidence - nearer the surface in Vespi than its reputation has sometimes allowed.

Miss Dunn was making her Italian debut at Chailly's invitation. Elena is one of the most difficult of Verdi's soprano parts to cast, requiring a true dramatic soprano d'agilita. It is no exaggeration to say that the young American matched its demands superbly. The voice has a fresh, pearl-like timbre, it is well supported and has an all-

round evenness; the articulation of the coloratura flights was immaculate. Miss Dunn holds the stage well in the stand-and-deliver tradition, moving her ample figure with grace and economy.

After an unsteady start, Veriano Luchetti quickly improved and gave a properly burnished account of Arrigo's "Giorno di panto". Leo Nucci looked equally appropriate as Momforte though the part needs a voice of greater natural strength and individuality. Bonaldo Giacomini as Procida was no more than adequate: the bass wobble was all too evident and his solemn cloak and fez made him look more like a North African Fiesco than an aged revolutionary.

It was difficult to judge whether stage director or designer had the greater influence on the production. Ronconi was at his stylish and supportive best, using the stage as a spacious platform for lyrical drama and resisting the temptation to dress Vespi in any other than the clothes Verdi intended.

The setting was medieval and Mediterranean, with a warm outdoor atmosphere imparted to every scene through Grossi's glowing backdrops and verdant Sicilian foliage. In itself this was an example of a very Italian kind of stage artistry, but it was perfectly complemented by a set of sumptuous curtain-drapes, dimly decorated with medieval figures which allowed Ronconi to frame and partition the stage as he wanted: a very simple idea, but one that brought continuity, intimacy and a sense of theatre.

Andrew Clark

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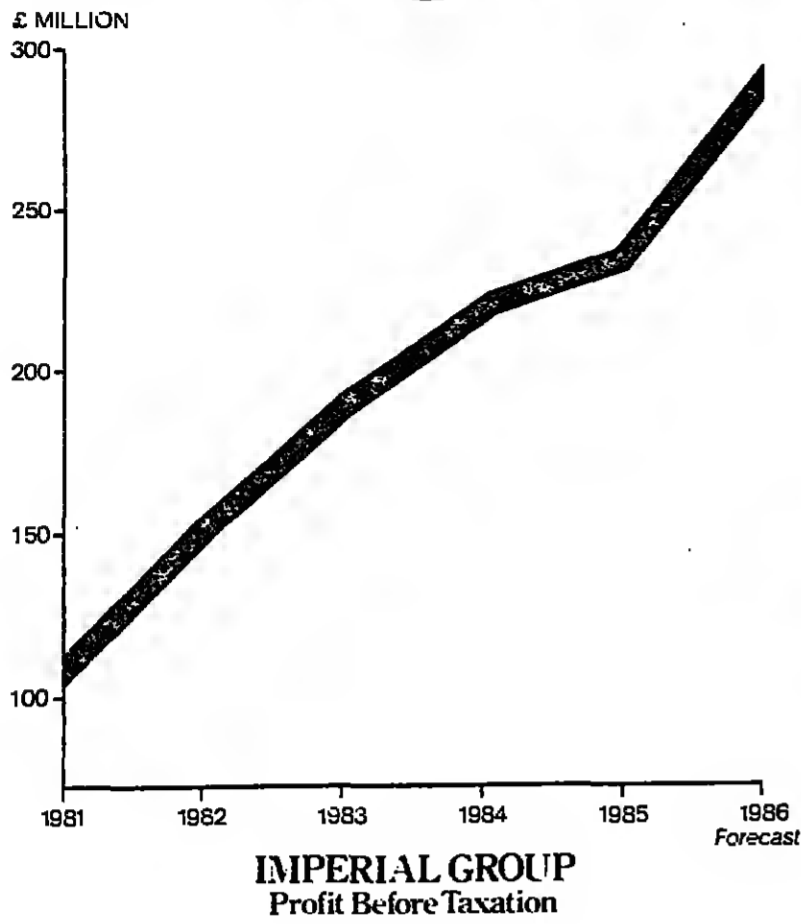


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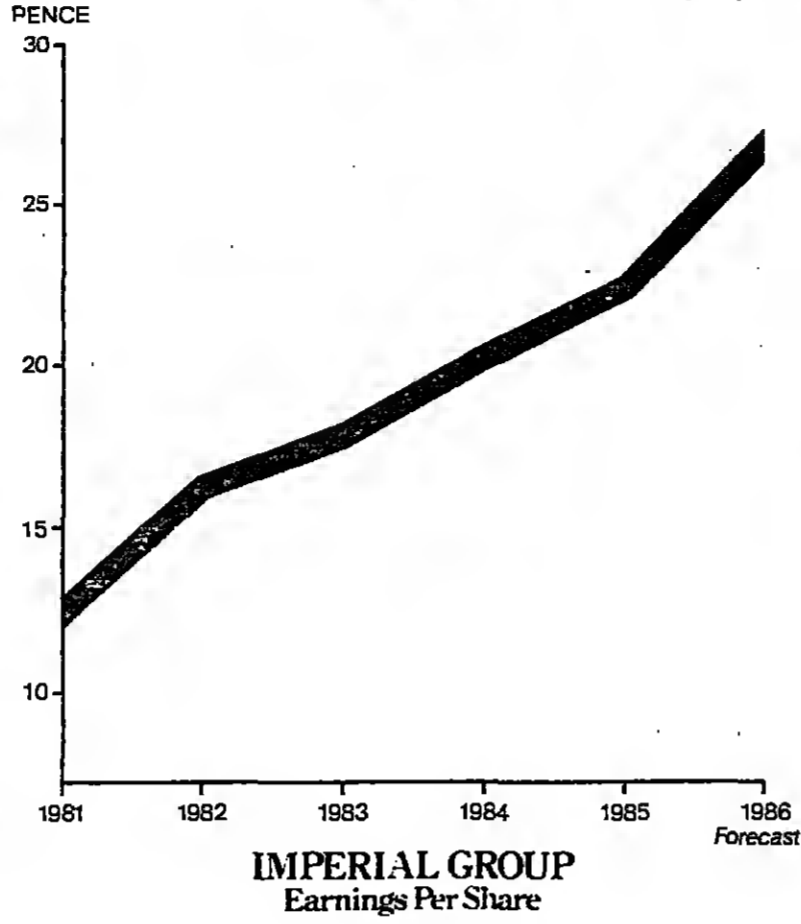


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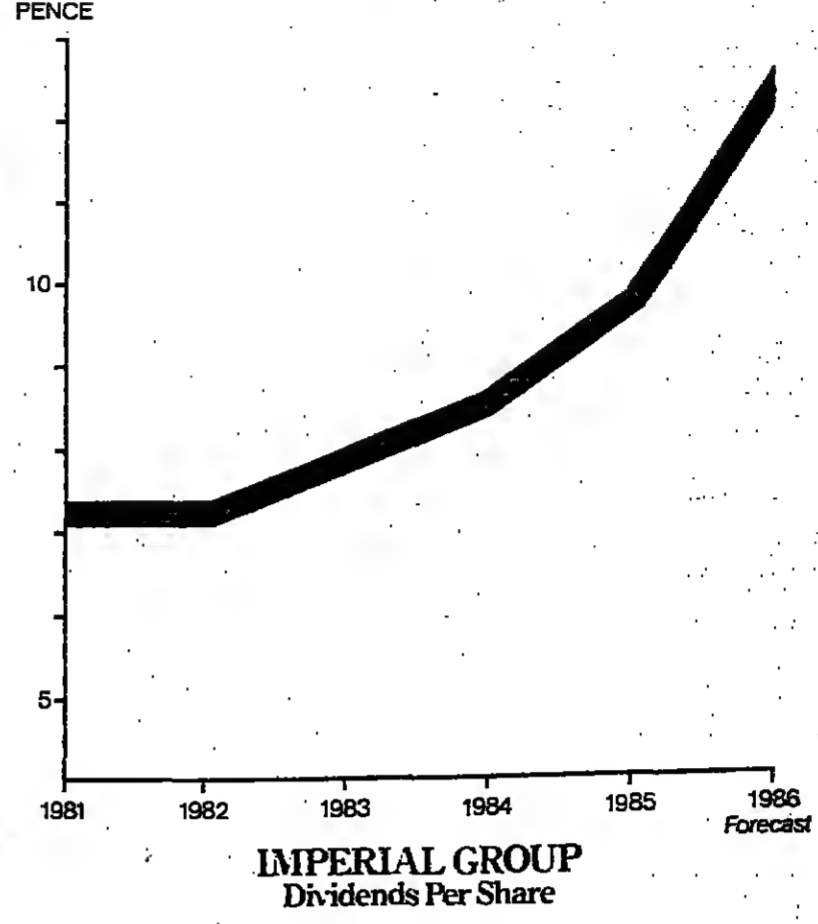


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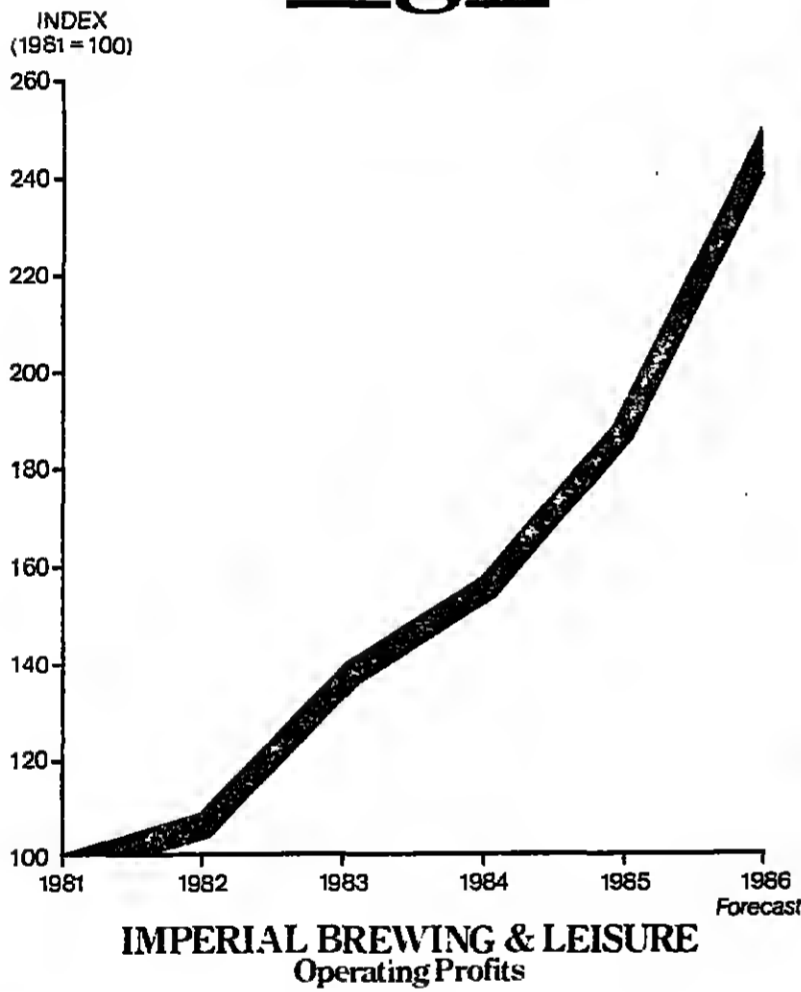


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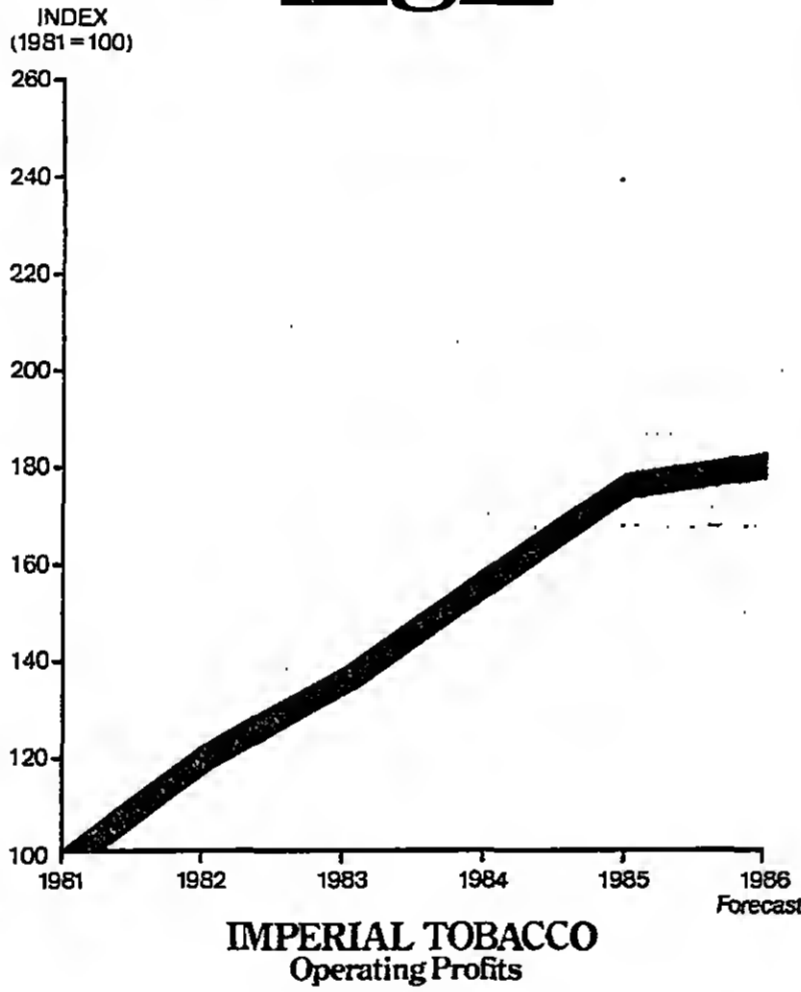
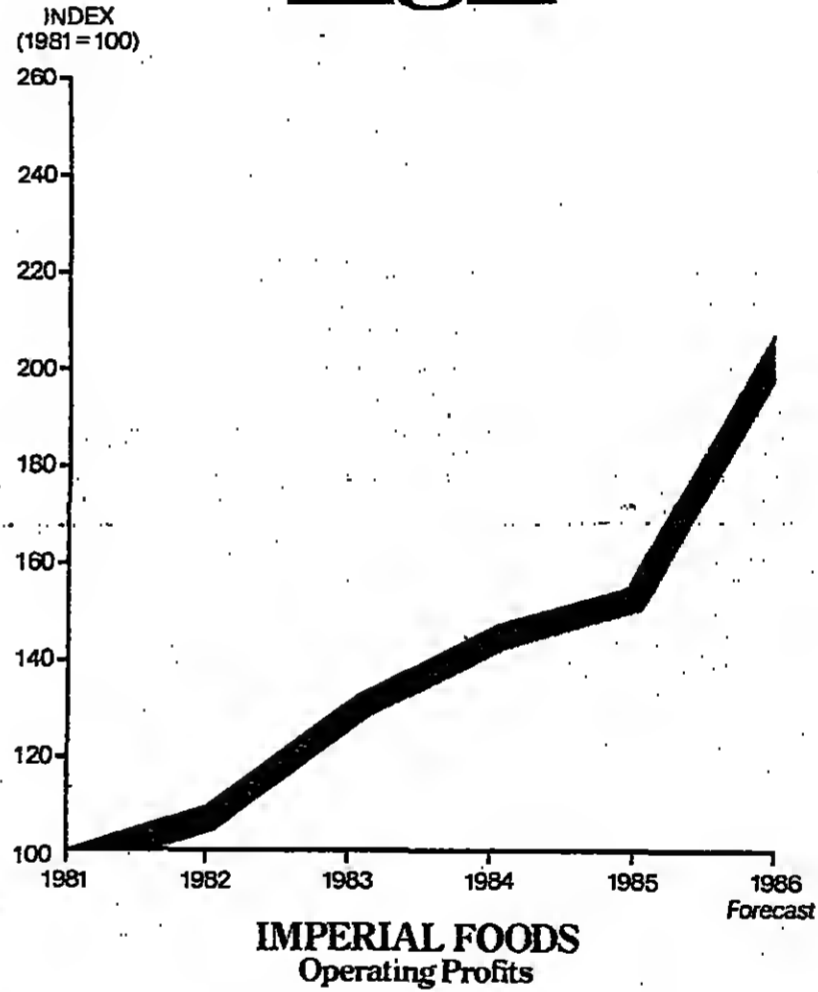


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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1267.4 (-10.0) FT-SE 100 1534.9 (-9.0) USM (Datastream) 115.25 (-0.31) THE POUND US dollar 1.4405 (-0.0115) W German mark 3.1972 (-0.0350) Trade-weighted 72.5 (-0.7)

Bid goes to court

The Rank Organisation is taking the Independent Broadcasting Authority to court for blocking its £740 million takeover bid for Granada.

Profits rise

British Vita yesterday reported a 17 per cent rise in pretax profits to \$12.2 million and is lifting the total dividend from 6.2p to 7p a share.

Brewery sale

Grand Metropolitan is selling its 78 per cent stake in Siera, the German brewery, to a private consortium for £14 million.

Gold search

Two Canadian companies are to begin drilling in the Loch Tay region, Highlands, in April, hoping to confirm at least one commercial gold zone.

Talks end

Home Charm has ended discussions which it had said might lead to offers for its entire issued share capital and convertible loan stock.

St Ives offer

St Ives, which has made its offer for the ordinary shares of Richard Clay recommended offer of 85p per share plus accrued dividend, for Clay's 4.2 per cent preference shares.

Thorn sells

Thorn EMI has sold Teg Technischer Elektrik Grosshandel, a West German electrical wholesaling business, for £61 million cash.

\$700m bid

Electrolux has made a cash offer to acquire all the outstanding common stock of White Consolidated Industries for \$45 per share, which values the US company at just over \$700 million (£488 million).

Hotel plan

British Land has formed a joint company with Friendly Hotels to build two and three-star hotels. British Land will provide 80 per cent of the finance for the £7.5 million required.

18-year best

In the 12 months to February, the cost of living in West Germany rose less than it had every year for the past 18. According to preliminary figures released yesterday, the 0.7 per cent inflation rate was due to a 0.2 per cent one-month fall in prices in February.

Share deal

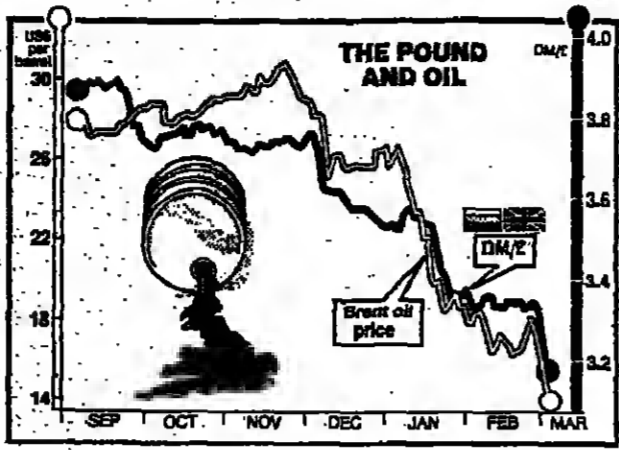
London International, maker of household and industrial products, has bought all the issued share capital of Hamilton Tait, the Scottish photographic group, for a maximum of £600,000 plus 137,895 of its new shares.

BASE LENDING RATES

Table with 2 columns: Bank/Institution and Lending Rate. Includes ABN (12%), Adam & Company (12%), BCCI (12%), Citibank Savings (12%), Consolidated Crs (12%), Co-operative Bank (12%), C. Hoare & Co (12%), Lloyds Bank (12%), Nat Westminster (12%), Royal Bank of Scotland (12%), TSB (12%), Citibank NA (12%).

Pound's slide hits hopes of cut in base rates

A very weak pound fell to a new all-time low against the mark yesterday. Although sterling steadied in afternoon trading, share prices fell on fears that the expected base rate cut around the time of the Budget will not now take place.



down money market rates in the Netherlands. Foreign exchange dealers are also wary of new official action to steady the dollar. A number of international meetings are to take place in the next few weeks at which recent sharp exchange rate changes will be discussed.

The FT 30-share index dropped by 10.3 points to 1267.1. Government stocks, initially down by more than half a point, showed modest losses of around 1/4 point at the close, helped by the strength of the US bond market.

Money market interest rates closed up to 1/4 points higher, in response to the pound's fall. Mr Mark Brit, currency economist at the stockbroking firm of de Zoete & Bevan, said: "There is no good reason for justifying a cut in base rates in current circumstances."

The council of the West German Bundesbank meets on Thursday for its fortnightly meeting and could sanction a reduction in official interest rates, dealers believe. Provisional cost of living figures for February, published yesterday, showed inflationary pressures at a very low level.

ITC stocks 'could be sold in a year' if tin price falls

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

A sharp fall in tin prices could so restrict mine production as to allow TinCo, the company which, it is hoped, will take over the International Tin Council's obligations, to dispose of its stocks in a year, a leading metal broker has advised the ITC's bank creditors.

TinCo will acquire from the council more than 82,000 tonnes of obligations which, it is proposed, should be sold in three years. His memorandum went on: "Thus the Newco (now called TinCo) stockpile would theoretically be required for consumption at the rate of 70,000 tonnes per annum at a price of \$6,000 a tonne and would thus be disposed of in 15 months, at a price of \$5,500 per tonne, the stock would be consumed in nine months."

Mr Ralph Kestenbaum, managing director of Gerald Metcalfe, one of the authors of the TinCo plan, told the banks that at a price of £5,500 a tonne, more than 60 per cent of the Western world's tin production of 174,000 tonnes a year would be uneconomic.

That supply and demand are barely balanced despite 55,000 tonnes of annual production being kept off the market by ITC export controls, that removal of these controls will tempt mines to produce at maximum capacity, and that companies may decide to operate with lower stocks.

BHP 'set to make Aus\$1bn'

Broken Hill Proprietary has released figures showing it expects to earn Aus\$1.03 billion (£481 million) in the year to May 31. The announcement is BHP's latest defensive effort against Mr Robert Holmes à Court's partial takeover bid.

April launch for Mercury Group

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The date has at last been set for the formation of one of Britain's largest financial conglomerates. It was announced yesterday that Mercury International Group will probably be formed on April 12 - although no final decision has yet been taken.

The Australian Government has decided against launching an investigation into the Aus\$3.5 billion bid. An inquiry, advocated by some government officials and unions, would have stalled Mr Holmes à Court's bid indefinitely.

Mercury is paying Aus\$8 million initially for its stake and up to a further Aus\$12 million after the first year, depending on results. The purchase will enable Mercury to distribute Australian equities domestically within Australia.

BHP said it decided to release the profit forecast because of uncertainty and market instability caused by both the Holmes à Court bid and slumping oil prices.

Broadside by Haslemere

By Lawrence Lever

The £179 million bid for Haslemere from Rodamco, the Dutch property developer, moved up a gear yesterday with the issue of Haslemere's formal defence document. In this, Mr David Pickford, Haslemere's chairman, described the bid as "wholly unrealistic" and claimed that Rodamco's analysis of Haslemere and its arguments for accepting the bid were "misguided and ill-informed".

For fiscal 1987, it said, the lower oil prices should bring a profit decline to Aus\$980 million. A government spokesman said a committee of ministers would discuss the future of the Australian steel industry.

Mr Ernest Saunders, defended the agreement, saying it was absurd to characterize it as a "poison pill" or "shark-repellant". "This agreement was put in place to attract an offer which was considerably better for the company and had the added advantage of being significantly higher than anything else on the table," he said.

Details of the controversial agreement, which is the subject of a legal challenge by Argill Group, the rival Distillers bidder, were spelled out in Guinness's formal offer document. The costs will begin to rise again after March 21 at the rate of £2.1 million a week. Distillers has agreed to pay the fees and expenses including certain advertising costs of the Guinness merger proposal.

Distillers must pay Guinness £38m

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

Distillers is committed to paying at least £38.7 million of the costs Guinness incurs in making its friendly £2.3 billion takeover bid for the Scotch whisky group, it emerged yesterday.

Government's decision to lay aside a Monopolies Commission reference of Guinness's original bid for Distillers began yesterday. Guinness now has a new offer on the table under which it proposes to sell off certain whisky brands to quell the Office of Fair Trading's fears about the effects of the merger on competition in the drinks market.

But a clause which requires Distillers to indemnify Guinness against the sort of legal challenge to the agreement that Argill has launched has been dropped. Guinness's chief executive, Mr Ernest Saunders, defended the agreement, saying it was absurd to characterize it as a "poison pill" or "shark-repellant".

Morgan Grenfell, Guinness's established merchant bank, has been told by the Bank of England to stop buying shares on Guinness's behalf. The new facility will allow resumed purchases. A judicial review of the

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Traders' hopes focus on the Bundesbank

Crunch points are beginning to loom for central banks all over the world in their dealings with respective bond and money markets. Either bond markets have been overbought, or central banks will be forced to give way on the interest rate front to the markets' pressure for lower rates.

cheaper money costs by setting a minimum bid rate on its 29-day repurchase agreement of 4.3 per cent, the lowest level since the new money market regime started a year ago. Falls in the Lombard rate imminent?

The two-way stretch shows up with vivid clarity in the US. Fed funds yesterday were firm, and showed no signs of easing from the most recent trading range of just under 8 per cent. Yet the long bond continued to move ahead. By mid-session it was well over 1/2 point ahead, and still steaming onwards. Lower oil prices may have helped. Brent crude prices slipped a further 30 cents. As extension premiums on the bonds relative to money costs continue to shrink, the Fed is either going to find itself coping with an inverted yield curve with all which that implies in political terms about tight money policies, or it will graciously cut the discount rate.

Until late in the day, when news drew support from New York, London went most of the day moving in a contrary direction to the rest of the world. Sterling weakness accounted in part for the 1/2 point mark-down at the off in gilts; at Dm. 3,192.5, sterling hit a record low against the German currency. Traders also registered their dislike of some of the more inspirational punditry around; long yields returned to double figures.

Doublet's other possible outcome exist in the vast scheme of things, but cheaper money sounds like the other central banks' preferred way out of the dilemma. The Japanese again yesterday put in a plea for concerted cuts in rates.

But it was also a desperately heavy day for the authorities in the money markets. A forecast shortage of £1.1 billion proved hard to shift, and the Bank went into the market three times as well as providing sale and repurchase facilities, to take the shortage out. Nonetheless, money rates rose, boosted as well perhaps by sterling weakness. Three month inter-bank increased by 1/4 point.

The Bundesbank, by contrast, wheeled and dealt in market sentiment as if dealers had taken a correspondence course from the Bank of England. On the one hand, the new Federal Government bond emerged with a 6 per cent coupon, rather than the 5 per cent plus figure which traders had hoped to see, as an augur of cheaper rates on the way. But the bond was priced above par, giving it a yield on issue of 5.95 per cent, or new high figure territory. At the same time, the Bundesbank appeared to stress its tolerance of

The problem with the current situation is the Bank of England's old bogey. It has too many markets to survey at this critical juncture, and most of them are responding to different external stimuli. This confusion in turn renders policy incomprehensible, accounting for the UK's inability to keep up with the rest of the world.

Time to come clean

The current proposals, formulated by the Marketing of Investments Board, for sales of life insurance and unit trusts, are patently in need of sharpening, particularly in the area of disclosure of commissions earned on life insurance products. Since MIBOC published its consultative paper last December on the subject the main focus of interest has been upon the purist view proposed by MIBOC, namely that salesmen should fall into one of only two camps, the company representative acting for one company alone and the genuinely independent intermediary with allegiance to no particular company's products.

Market traders scoff at the idea of EMS membership, especially yesterday's rumour that the Chancellor will reveal imminent membership on Budget Day. But if the Chancellor were to take this step, it would undoubtedly ease the problems in market management currently encountered by the Bank of England, as well as putting the gilt market a score of points better overnight. Crunch points, indeed!

"today's greatest evil in the market" - namely the tied agent masquerading as an independent advisor. But it is clear that there are limits on what the MIBOC element of the Securities and Investments Board want the public to be told. So-called company representatives will not have to disclose the level of commission that they stand to gain from the sale of a particular product; they merely have to reveal their status and the fact that they were not able to offer independent advice.

This rings admirably in the cosy corridors of life insurance head offices. In practice and in the front room of the unsuspecting and uninitiated consumer it is pure fantasy. Life insurance salesmen as a breed are not made in the MIBOC image.

Consumer oil 'price drop soon'

The chairman of Texaco, Mr John McKinley, said yesterday that fuel prices to the consumer will soon drop to reflect the low world crude oil prices, but gave warning that the fall will not be as dramatic as that in the spot oil markets.



John McKinley: expects fall soon

Last year Texaco supplied 6 per cent of the world's oil and its output of natural gas in the United States equalled the total for the North Sea. The company is one of the biggest operating in the North Sea. Its petrol stations take more than 10 per cent of the British petrol market, after Shell, Esso and BP.

Spot prices for North Sea crude are being quoted at about \$13.40 for April delivery, but yesterday barrels being bought by refiners for immediate delivery - what the industry calls "wet" barrels - were selling for more than \$17.

Mr McKinley said that price cuts to the consumer were never as dramatic as the falls seen in the spot markets, largely because oil passing through the refineries had been bought between 45 and 60 days before.

He believes that the world price will level off at about that being seen in the spot markets and has already trimmed Texaco's planned spending this year by 10 per cent from \$2.8 billion (£1.9 billion).

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WALL STREET

New York (AP-DJ) - A weak chip sector prevented the Dow Jones industrial average from climbing to another peak as prices finished mixed in extremely heavy trading on Wall Street.

The average fell 4.93 to 1,709.06, although towards the end of trading it had been 10 points higher.

Most of the broader market indices edged to record highs as 193.6 million shares were traded. This was up from 181.7 million on Thursday.

It was the heaviest trading day this year and, based on preliminary volume figures, the fourth busiest session in the history of the exchange.

The Dow Jones industrial average was weighed by a continuing weakness in international Business Machines, which slumped 4% to 151 on big volume of 2.8 million shares.

Table with columns for Date (Feb 26, Feb 27, Feb 28, Feb 29) and various stock indices (ASX, AMR, Allied Signal, etc.)

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES table with columns for Market rates, Sterling spot, and Forward rates for various periods.

The pound had a bad day on currency markets, dropping more than 3 cents on its previous close to end at \$1.4522 (\$1.4832).

Sterling fell sharply to 2.3237, its value against the mark also fell sharply to 2.3237.

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TEMPUS

Gloomy profit forecast sparks buyers' interest

Beecham, which has one of the worst reputations around the City, may have unknowingly capitalized on its sorry image. Its weekend press release, highlighting flat profits, may have unwittingly attracted investors' interest and caused yesterday's share price rise.

Analysts do not expect good results from Beecham in mid-June when the 1985/86 figures are released. The company expects little change on last year's profits and forecast a profit this year of between £295 and £305 million. Analysts predict a figure around £300 million. This gloomy prediction is reflected in the share price action - at 350p, the share price has underperformed by a street.

So there was no point in trying to hide the bad news: nuggets of ill-tidings were what the city expected.

This may have been the rationale behind the weekend's re-affirmation of the year-end figures, which accompanied news of the purchase of Norcliff Thayer, the US over-the-counter medicines and health products business. The City had already swallowed the bad news that the results would be adversely affected by the weak dollar versus sterling but would be partly mitigated by the strength of some European currencies and the yen.

But regardless of the bad news, there is little doubt that the underlying direction of the business improved in the latter half of the year. Pharmaceuticals were likely to be flat as the drug Augmentin has been replacing Amoxyl; soft drinks in Germany have been on an improving trend and the cosmetics and DIY businesses have been on a rising trend.

Despite looking vulnerable to takeover, reports of its imminent demise appear to be exaggerated.

British Vita

British Vita yesterday claimed a third successive year of profit growth saying, it had shed its image of a domestic manufacturer sheltering behind protected colonial markets.

In fact, it may be an appropriate time to consider

changing its name to Europa Vita because it was mainland Europe that provided the thrust of the latest profit surge.

The Manchester-based company is now clocking up world-wide sales of more than £300 million in what could be termed "invisible" - the unseen fillings, such as foam and fibres, that go in to products such as car seats, mattresses, furniture and an increasing range of household textiles.

Pretax profits last year rose by 17 per cent to £12.2 million, but most significantly, for the first time the contribution from Europe edged slightly ahead of Britain's contribution of £4.7 million. Combined, the two markets accounted for 75 per cent of all profits.

The profit included the results of a full year's operation in France and the results of the foam interests of the Solvay Group from last July, the date of its acquisition.

British Vita believes its future prosperity lies in strengthening its bases in the key French and German markets.

The Solvay acquisition has allowed British Vita to tap its advanced technological know-how and it has already cashed in on a system of producing cheaper and better headliners in cars. Instead of manufacturing the product itself, it is extending its increasingly important licensing arrangements and has entered an agreement to allow the system to be manufactured under licence in North America, which should result in a growing royalty income in future years.

Yesterday, British Vita's shares jumped 9p. But in the past six months they have risen from 155p to 240p. This was probably influenced by the group's decision, confirmed yesterday, to tackle its problem of blocked funds in Zambia, which represent the bulk of the £3.3 million extraordinary charges.

Outside Britain and Europe, the international side of the business - in the old colonies of Canada and Australia - came in with a £3 million contribution.

British Vita, through an aggressive move across the

Channel, has significantly altered its profile with a broad enough spread across most markets to offer the prospect of sustained growth even without acquisitions, which do not appear all that likely at the moment.

Gold Greenlees

Trott

Gold Greenlees Trott is the first advertising agency to be hit by the new Stock Exchange rules on the contents of prospectuses. Although it has done its best to live up to the document, it has had to restrict the pictures to the outside cover. It has, however, shown a video to journalists, and anyone wanting to see stills can ask for a corporate brochure.

The figures show impressive growth. In just five years profits have risen from a negligible level to a forecast £1.3 million before tax for the year to April 30. The pretax profit margin is 4.4 per cent. Although fast growth is likely to continue, it is difficult to say how fast, as GGT is too young to have established a proper record.

Youth however is no obstacle to riches. At 165p the shares are offered at 18 times prospective earnings, which represents a slight discount to the rating accorded to better established rivals such as Abbott Mead Vickers. James Capel, the broker, expects GGT to trade on a par with Abbott once dealings begin.

One of the disadvantages under which GGT labours, however, is that most of the £4.95 million being raised is going to the founding directors rather than to the company. GGT itself is raising only £539,000 after expenses. Another point to bear in mind is that margins will fall next year because the company is moving into new and more expensive offices in May.

Despite these qualifications, the issue is likely to be a success, given the agency's reputation and the market's continuing fondness for the industry. GGT may complain that its prospectus looks no different from that of an engineering company, but it still has the advantage on price.

Onshore search still promising

By David Young Energy Correspondent

The onshore oil industry's main problem this year will not be falling oil prices, but environmental pressures, Wood Mackenzie, the broker, suggests.

Despite this, the lure of profitable developments should provide sufficient incentive for continued enthusiasm for onshore exploration, the broker says.

Mr Allick Buchanan-Smith, Minister for Energy, will announce the first formal round of onshore oil exploration licences this month.

Wood Mackenzie, in a report to clients, says: "Although the onshore scene continues to offer considerable commercial interest even at current oil prices, the industry is faced with a variety of problems."

In many cases, it notes, companies face difficulties in obtaining planning permission.

"The revised licence system should allow oil companies greater flexibility of operations," the report adds. "However, landowners, local authorities and environmentalists may all delay oil companies' plans."

"In addition, growing awareness of the profitability in onshore oil activities has resulted in landowners seeking higher compensation payments."

Saatchi Bros to take 30% stake in NMC

Mr Charles and Mr Maurice Saatchi, directors of the public relations firm, are to take a 15 per cent stake each in the NMC fibreboard manufacturer in a proposed £6.3 million share issue that will see 50.1 per cent of the company in new hands.

The deal also includes the issue of 1.71 million warrants to existing shareholders and to the new investors.

The Saatchi brothers will hold nearly 2.5 million shares each and a third investor, Mr N Newton, will have 3.45 million shares, or 20.04 per cent. He will join the board.

This issue will raise about £1.32 million, after expenses. It will halve the 48.8 per cent stake in NMC currently held by East Rand Consolidated to 24.4 per cent.

The issue is subject to shareholders' approval, but principal shareholders holding 57.61 per cent will vote in favour.

Oil price worries trigger bout of profit-taking

Share prices recorded widespread falls as investors took fright from falling oil prices and a weakening pound. The FT 30-share index lost 10 points to close at 1267.4 and the FT-SE fell 9 points to 1534.9.

Hopes that interest rates will be allowed to ease in the Budget have largely evaporated as the spot price of oil slipped below \$14 a barrel following the latest price cutting move by Abu Dhabi.

Hints that the archaic weather is now over was another sobering factor. So there was little fresh incentive for investors who were content to take profits after the recent strong advance. Selling was light and turnover was generally a much lower.

Government securities gave back half a point as cheaper money hopes waned. Losses among leading industrials were contained to a band of between 2p and 10p, but one or two internationalists were supported by currency considerations.

BOC Group, for instance, rose 6p to 334p and Cadbury Schweppes, with results due next Thursday, hardened 2p to 166p. Elsewhere, Hawker Siddeley slipped 8p to 517p and Lucas 10p to 613p while Beecham Group, a recent takeover favourite, declined 6p to 350p in spite of talk of "imminent developments".

Consumer stocks made a drab showing on the prospect of a neutral Budget. Marks and Spencer, worried by fashion

competition from other stores like Burton eased 4p to 187p. Storehouse, the subject of several brokers' downgradings, dipped 10p to 303p but Laura Ashley continued to reflect hopes of US buying orders at 231p, up 5p.

Home Charm tumbled to 285p on news that discussions about a possible bid, announced last Friday, had been terminated. The shares later rallied to 318p a net fall of 52p.

Other DIY companies were also upset with A.G. Stanley down 4p to 75p and Hamptden Home Care 7p lower at 61p.

Martin Ford was marked up 12½p to 133½p on talk of an imminent 145p offer. The commodity dealers S & W. Berisford gained 9p to 211p as Hillside Holdings increased its stake in 9.09 per cent by way of market purchases.

McKechnie, whose shareholders gave the go-ahead to bid for Newman Tonks (up 3p to 31p) lost another 6p to 190p. Williams Holdings, whose bid for McKechnie has now been aborted, rallied 12p to 518p.

Suter climbed 13p to 240p after favourable comment on its proposed acquisition of UKO International. Hepworth Ceramic put on 9p to 167p speculative demand. But Pilkington gave up 10p to 432p on further consideration of its US expansion plans.

Barton gained 10p to 135p on the sale of its Mexican interest. Acquisition news supported B. Elliott at 57p up

4p and Amari 7p better at 148p.

AMS Industries reported profits up by 58 per cent, but a warning with the figures that the order intake for audio processing equipment had declined lopped 20p from shares at 104p. Electricals generally were down with Royal 6p down at 194p in spite of last week's denial of rights issue intentions.

LEC Refrigeration met demand at 280p up 17p and Automated Security, another speculative favourite improved 8p to 168p.

Reports that the influx of American visitors is well down on last year unsettled hotel shares where falls of 2p to 5p were frequent.

McCorquodale at 208p up 5p continued to anticipate a rumoured bid from Noron Opax. British Vita celebrated a better-than-expected 17 per cent earnings expansion with a 9p rise to 240p.

Abbott Mead, reporting on Thursday, was marked up 7p to 230p but a 40 per cent setback knocked 17p from Michael Peters at 173p. Powerline also disappointed down 24p to 131p while a 57 per cent reduction in profits clipped 3p from Microvitec at 35p.

Weekend press comment prompted the usual Monday crop of firm features. Helical Bar at 104p J S D Computer 115p. Minsy 340p. Schroder 1263p. Araraz 52p. Strong and Fisher 136p were among

Bids highlight need for marketing

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The recent spate of takeover bids, which has put a premium on management abilities to market products successfully, has underlined the need for improved top marketing management in companies, according to Mr Tony McBurnie, director-general of the Institute of Marketing.

He called on the Government to clarify its competition policy on the issue of market share. This was a crucial factor in the recent references to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission of the initial United Biscuits and Guinness bids.

Companies which were successful in world markets would inevitably tend to have strong domestic market shares. Mr McBurnie maintained. The crucial market share was segment share where sales broke down into product and brand categories such as premium and own label. That was the issue the Government needed to be clearer about in competition policy.

Mr McBurnie said: "We need improved top-level marketing management and we need more chief executives to accept and develop a company culture and style that puts marketing second to nothing. If they do not I have a feeling that predators, shareholders and non-executive directors soon will."

Fewer than 40 per cent of chief executives of British companies had marketing and sales experience, with financial, legal and technical backgrounds much more common.

A recent University of Bradford management centre study had reported that two-thirds of British companies surveyed had said they were not good at marketing. They still believed that profit came from rationalizing and cost-cutting, while at Japanese subsidiaries in Britain there were detailed marketing plans against which performance was monitored.

Mr McBurnie said that the study demonstrated that, whereas the Japanese had marketing strategies, the British had budgets.

In the latest annual rankings for international competitiveness emphasizing the role of marketing and carried out by the European Management Forum, Britain was rated at 16, he pointed out.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

RECENT ISSUES

Abbott Mead V (180p) 230 up 7	Ashley (L) (135p) 230 up 10	Cable & Wire (587p) 348	Chart FL (86p) 90	Chancery Secs (83p) 71	SPP (125p) 158 up 1	Cranswick M (85p) 109	Davidson P (160p) 165 up 2	Dialene (128p) 170	Ferguson (J) (10p) 23 up 1	Grays Surface (56p) 71	Gray (55p) 51 up 2	JS Pathology (180p) 263	Kearfield (118p) 118	Laxicon (115p) 2115	Macro 4 (105p) 140 dn 3	Merivale Moore (115p) 125	Microsystems (127p) 135	Norank Sys (90p) 100	Real World (500p) 365 dn 3	SAC Int (100p) 130	SPP (125p) 158 up 1	Templeton (215p) 218	Sigmex (101p) 86	Snowdon & B (97p) 112	Spice (80p) 93 up 1	Tech Comp (120p) 214	Unfranked (180p) 184 dn 1	Wellcome (180p) 174 up 2½	W York Hosp (90p) 80	Wicks (140p) 148 up 2
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RIGHTS ISSUES

Cray Elec F/P	296 dn 2
Hartwells N/P	115 dn 2
Peel Hedges F/P	475
Porter Chad F/P	3
Safeway UK	£42½ dn ¾
Stormguard F/P	25
Wates N/P	20
Westland N/P	13

(Issue price in brackets).

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

BISES	334 + 6
BOC Grp	186p + 2
Cadbury	166p + 2
Natwest	707p + 5
Suter	240p + 13
Newman Tonks	131p + 3
Hepworth Ceramic	167p up 9
G Dew	96p + 6
Erndon	135p + 10
Williams	518p + 12
Aurora	52p + 5
B Elliot	57p + 4
FALLS:	
Maria	187p - 4
Lucas	613p - 10
190p - 6	
McKechnie	190p - 6
Storehouse	303p - 10
MEPC	350p - 8
Michael Peters	173p - 7
Powerline	131p - 24
AMS Int	104p - 20
AMS Ind	138p - 7
T Cowie	75p - 1
A G Stanley	131p - 1
Home Charm	318p - 52

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It is probable that the increasing emphasis in foreign markets, earnings will fall. However, a minimum total dividend of 5.0p will be recommended for the year to 31.12.86 using revenue reserves if necessary.

Mr. S. G. Brooksbank FCA, Chairman

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Earnings per stock unit	6.53p	4.49p
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• FI GROUP: With figures in £000, sales were up to 8,735 (£83) and pretax profit to £1,060 (£10). Profit after tax was \$16 (£10).

• LEISURE INVESTMENTS: Results for the six months to December 31 (figures in £000) show turnover at £300 (£1,331) and profit before depreciation 436 (£352). Pretax profit was 244 (£189) and earnings per share were 0.93p (0.98p).

• J.I. JACOBS: Salenia has acquired an additional 700,000 ordinary shares, representing 3.04 per cent of the company's outstanding capital. This takes Salenia's total holding in Jacobs to 5,765,000 ordinary shares (25.02 per cent).

• NEW AUSTRALIA INVESTMENTS: Keywest Finance has purchased 214,999 ordinary shares (4.3 per cent), taking the parent Keywest group's holding to 1,489,899 ordinary shares (29.8 per cent).

• WEDMINSTER: An interim dividend of 2.15 per cent (19.5p) is included in the results for the six months to December 31 last year. With figures in £000, turnover was £3,325 (£4,121), pretax profit 296 (£241) and profit after tax 192 (£161). Earnings per share are 9.60p (8.05p).

• COPE ALLMAN INTERNATIONAL: An interim dividend of 3.4p (12.7p) is included in the results for the half year to December 28 last year. With figures in £000, turnover was 92,520 (£6,604), pretax profit 7,519 (£6,339) and profit after tax 4,055 (£3,367). Earnings per share are 12p (18.97p).

• GOOD RELATIONS GROUP: A dividend of 4.9p (4.9) is included in the results for the year to December 31. With figures in £000, turnover totalled 11,765 (£8,226), pretax profit 1023 (£1,345) and attributable profit 547 (£997). Earnings per share are 6.4p (9.9p). The chairman said the group had been through a difficult period and had emerged stronger as a result of the decisive and forward-looking actions by the board.

• COWIE: A final dividend of 2.25p (1.75p) is payable for the year to December 31, 1985 (15 mths to December 31, 1984), making 3.5p (2.75p) for the whole year. With figures in £000, turnover amounted to 217,708 (£200,847), pretax profit 4,055 (£3,367), attributable profit 3,956 (£3,095). Earnings per share on a net basis are 22.72p (10.36p).

• WOODHOUSE & RIXSON HOLDINGS: A final dividend of 1.5p (10.75p), making 2.5p (11p) for the year, is payable for 1985. With figures in £000, turnover was 10,537 (£8,985) and profit before tax 1,137 (£262). Earnings per share were 7.8p (2.1p). Dividend is payable on April 28.

• ROTHMANS INTERNATIONAL: An interim dividend of 2.5 cents (2.5 cents) is included in the results of the company's Singapore associates for the six months to December 31 last year. With figures in \$5000, turnover was 77,743 (£4,466) and pretax profit 17,779 (£1,052). Earnings per share are 9.5c (9.4c). Barring unforeseen circumstances, profit for the second half year is expected to be maintained at a satisfactory level.

• RATCLIFFS (GREAT BRIDGE): A final dividend of 1.5p (1.5p) is payable for the year to December 31, 1985, making a total of 2.5p (3.5p). With figures in £000, the group loss after all charges was 343



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COMMODITIES REVIEW

Orwellian ring to SIB's futures business rules

One does not need to dwell long on the studied legalese of last week's weighty offerings from the Securities and Investments Board to reach an arresting conclusion: anybody in the futures business who fondly believed that London was not about to receive a Securities and Exchange Commission should think again.

Indeed, the "Conduct of Business Rules" issued by the SIB for consultation have quite unemotionally an almost Orwellian ring: "de-regulation" means exactly the opposite.

Under the guise of "self-regulation", futures trading in London will in fact be carefully regulated by someone else.

This is certainly true of private investor business, and is more true of trade business than many people so far have cared to admit.

Take capital adequacy, a matter which arguably affects firms with mainly trade business more closely than those dealing with private investors.

The SIB, headed by Sir Kenneth Berrill, has not yet shared its thoughts on this central question with us, but when it does, the squeals will be audible all over the Square Mile.

The notion of what is eligible rather than the size of the capital adequacy requirement will bear an uncanny resemblance to SEC rules.

Or to return to thoughts which the SIB has vouchsafed, take the "Know Your Customer" rule (number 3.4.01 for devotees of last week's "General Note").

"No firm shall recommend a transaction in options, fu-

tures contracts or contracts for differences or effect or arrange for the effecting of such a transaction with or for a customer who is not reasonably believed by the firm to be a business investor in relation to that investment or a professional investor in relation to that transaction unless the firm has a reasonable basis for believing that the customer has such knowledge and experience in financial matters that he may be expected to be capable of evaluating the risks of the transaction and that he can afford to take those risks."

After reading that, one is grateful to the SIB draughtsmen for not including a "clarifying" Practice Note. But the message is plain. A lot of customers of firms who shall remain nameless but which do pop up in the newspapers every now and again could be rejected because either they did not have the relevant knowledge and experience, or because they could not evaluate the risk, or because they could not afford it.

The last is a sound and rather fundamental point which occurs several times in the General Note. The draft rules go on to define best execution (the principle that the client is entitled to the cheapest price), firm's remuneration, and the tricky little matter of investments which are not marketed.

That embraces a wide range, from what one SIB luminary described as the typical Vancouver stock to certain kinds of Business Enterprise Schemes.

And so the rules proceed.



Sir Kenneth Berrill: more rules to come

The detail counts because these rules will be the basis of "equivalence", the SIB doctrine that the Self-Regulatory Organizations which are supposed to run the show must have rules equivalent in the scope and effect to those of the board. In practice, the SIB is depriving SRGs of much of their cherished initiative, and it is not outside its powers in so doing.

Let us take another item, almost at random. The rules try to distinguish between on the one hand what I have here called a private investor and what on the other hand the SIB calls a "business investor" and a "professional investor".

The former is someone for whom buying and selling investments is normal in the course of carrying on a business whose main purpose is not investment; the latter is someone who carries on an investment business and receives and gives services for that purpose.

In offering these distinctions, the board is trying, quite rightly, to quell long-standing fears among futures traders (that is, professional investors) that they will be subject to the same onerous rules when dealing with each other as when dealing with private investors.

But the list of rules (devotees note again, numbers 3.3.01 to 3.3.07) for dealing with private investors does not leave SRGs much scope. Customer agreements, discretionary portfolio management and frequency with which information is given to the customer are all covered.

What the SIB has avoided, interestingly, is a definition of what the SEC calls a "sophisticated investor".

The number of sophisticated private investors in futures and options in this country seems fairly small. Such people are reduced instead to a kind of residual category within the rules, the people who do not fall under any other definition.

But the two crucial points remain. The SIB rules are comprehensive, and we are promised many more; and they are rules, not mere guidelines. Futures and options trading in London, for so long a world of its own, is moving into an uncomfortable era of direct and stringent controls.

By constructing the elaborate apparatus of SRGs, the Government has skillfully disguised the true extent of the central direction, Orwell would have understood.

Michael Prest

Damper on building industry hopes

By Judith Huntley Commercial Property Correspondent

The construction industry can look forward to only a modest improvement in its fortunes this year, according to the latest Investment in Construction report by Greene & Co, the firm of stockbrokers.

The recent excitement in the sector caused by a bull market and the prospect of the Channel tunnel contracts has died away in the face of falling oil prices and the spectre of rising interest rates, the firm says.

Greene & Co gives warning against pinning hopes for the sector on increasing public expenditure. Much has been said about the state of Britain's declining infrastructure but it has little impact on government policy or spending plans.

Estimates put the construction industry's share of public spending as low as 7.5 per cent in 1986-87, a fall from the 10.3 per cent in 1979-80.

Real growth is likely to come only through the private sector but the broker raises doubts about that if interest rates rise.

The office market in London and the South-east of England is comparatively buoyant, as is the retail sector, the report says. Private house-building provides a solid backbone for the industry but the land shortages in the South-east could present problems.

Greene & Co believes the M J Gleeson Group and Bryant Holdings, both low-gear companies, and Wilson (Connolly) Holdings, with its large residential land bank, will be good investments in 1986.

COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

National surgery to soothe the victims of 'technofear'

British management has long been shackled with a negative attitude towards anything technical - an attitude that has been tempered by an educational system which dissuaded the best brains from entering technically related professions.

The situation has been further aggravated by an abundance of brilliant engineers whose design talents are the envy of the world but whose understanding of corporate management is basic, again a poor testimony to the British educational system. The middle managers who are trying to keep up with their secretaries' knowledge of word processors are as vulnerable as the entrepreneurs who want to invest in computerized/automated equipment with minimum industrial conflict. They are all in need of help.

All is not gloom. A team of volunteers at the British Institute of Management intend to change the profile of those technically deprived managers and attempt to encourage them to shed their "technofears", and learn to appreciate technology.

Last week the team began a campaign to raise £500,000 to transform the 100 or so BIM centres around the UK into surgeries where ailing managers can have therapy in confidence.

The national surgery network is an extension of two pilot schemes which have been created within the last 18 months at Warrington and Kingston. In these centres managers of different ranks and backgrounds have discussed their problems with experts and with each other in their search for solutions.

The network is to be extended in modest stages, assuming that the BIM can get industry to fund the project and realize

that without such a scheme UK management will remain second-rate and under-skilled. By September six surgeries will be in operation, depending on the funding available.

That funding is a yearly budget of about £5,000 for each centre. The price is cheap, since most of the overheads in teaching and administration are carried out by unpaid volunteers.

Britain will pay an even higher price in the international business market if its corporate

THE WEEK

By Bill Johnstone Technology Correspondent

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Dr Bert Darnell, one of the principal energies behind the BIM surgery project, was on the Finniston Committee which looked at the calibre of British engineers. The Finniston report was to recommend many sweeping changes. In the wake of its publication the Engineering Council was ultimately formed to influence the education and training of engineers.

Testimonies gathered by committee members from Europeans and Americans were in praise of the technical skills of British engineers but highly critical of their arrogance, inflexibility, and ignorance of corporate management. Bluntly, they were not quali-

fied to be considered for management and invariably they were not.

Waiting for the new batches of engineers to acquire such skills will guarantee that British management will be so far behind its major industrial competitors that catching up may prove to be almost impossible. That is what makes the BIM project vital.

The surgeries, however, are not enough. The patients must realise that they are ailing. To help that diagnostic process the BIM is encouraging its members to give their skills an objective audit.

The result of such audits is to ensure that the manager can:

- Take advantage of new systems;
- Relate market requirements and opportunities to technical projects;
- Understand the best methods of working with the relevant technology and how to make the best use of people's skills;
- Marry corporate strategy to the exploitation of those skills and technologies.

The technology, albeit computers or electronics, is but a means to an end. The manager must be able to relate that change to the business in which he is competing.

They must examine whether markets are being lost for technical reasons, what is the performance of the competition and what strains will be imposed when new technology is introduced.

Information Technology Year three years ago raised the awareness of British business significantly. We were told: if it ever did then British management has failed to respond to the challenge.

For that reason the BIM project must be supported.

Gentlemen crackmen of the 80s

By Richard Sarson

Hacking is the dangerous sport of breaking electronically and often illegally into other people's computer networks and then browsing around, preferably in the most heavily protected parts of the system. The hackers see themselves as the gentlemen crackmen of the high-technology 1980s.

When *The Hacker's Handbook* by Hugo Cornwall was published last year it uncovered an interest in hacking much wider than the author expected. So now the book has been revised to keep up with 1985's technical jumps: oev videotex targets to hack and new radio and packet-switching services to use to reach those targets.

It also brings the reader up to date with the effects of the Data Protection Act and the possible extension of the crime of forgery to cover certain types of hacking. Omitted are references to the Great Prince Philip Pricel Mailbox Hack to avoid sub-

judice comment on a court case next month.

The pseudonymous Hugo Cornwall takes a new look at the ethics of hacking. He is insistent that hackers are not fraudsters, transferring vast sums between bank accounts, or moles, burrowing away in the most secret of MI5 files. The hacker is seldom interested in what he finds. The fun lies in the intellectual process of getting in.

One of the pioneers, Susan Headley, a 17-year-old Californian, who ran all over the local telephone system in 1977, confessed that what attracted her was the sense of power. She had beaten today's elite, the computer designers.

Mr Cornwall is fascinated by peeping into the inner workings of fashionable multitasking operating systems, running on large mainframes, through the porthole of his battered old Apple II+. He does not regard this as trespassing because he is not doing it for gain, or to damage

the system, but because he genuinely admires the networks he is exploring.

He disapproves of electronic vaudeville and even deplores the spitefulness of a group of American hackers who, displeased with a *Newsweek* reporter, Richard Sandaza, for betraying confidences, hacked into his credit rating and displayed it on bulletin boards from coast to coast as revenge.

Truthfulness is seldom present in tales of hacking exploits. The hacker embroiders his achievements, but covers up his methods. The victim does not like to appear a fool and covers up the fact that he has been hacked.

The book may introduce new hackers into this twilight world of semi-legality, half-truths and hoaxes. But it will warn others of the consequences, and may even deter them.

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Invaders in the living room

By Richard Pawson

In the beginning there was Pong, the brainchild of Silicon Valley entrepreneur Nolan Bushnell. This simple computerized video game that involved two bats and a ball was to spark off a multi-million dollar revolution in home entertainment. That was in 1972 and every succeeding year has seen an increase in the sophistication of the video effects. Yet it has taken 14 years for the next major innovation to arrive and it comes from the same inventor.

Mr Bushnell's new concept can best be described as three-dimensional video games. To put it another way, Space Invaders have acquired a physical form; they no longer attack down a video screen, but across the living room carpet.

TechForce was revealed at the New York Toy Fair earlier this month, which means that it will be in US toy shops by Christmas, but probably not in Britain until 1987. American prices will start from \$200 (£137) for two consoles and two vehicles.

Designed for two players, TechForce gives each player control of up to eight mobile units via a radio-control link with a range of 50 feet. These units have interchangeable bodies to give a range of different games from space monsters to World War II tank engagements.

Each mobile unit can move forwards and backwards, turn, or fire an infra-red beam at an opposing unit. If the beam hits the receptor on another unit then the latter is immobilized for 10 seconds. Conventional LEDs give a visual indication that a unit is firing.

The tricky part of the design, according to Mr Bushnell, was finding a way to encode messages for eight different units on to one radio channel. The computer chip inside each unit was designed within his own company, Axlon, and has an expansion unit for additional functions - including a planned link to existing home computers.

To the initial version, however, each player needs a TechForce command console. Any individual tank or combination of tanks can be selected from the keyboard and their

movements and guns controlled live from a joystick. The console also permits players to pre-program a simple sequence of moves for each tank and then activate them simultaneously. When the effects of the moves have been observed, players can specify their next attack.

However, Mr Bushnell foresees a major market in off-the-shelf software, familiar ground to the man who founded Atari. And to this end he has devised an ingenious method of dubbing control signals on to the audio track of a cassette or video tape. Conventional voice or music recordings do not interfere with these control signals (which are picked up by a microphone attached to one control console) thus enabling verbal instructions for the game, background music and sound effects to be on the same tape.

In an impressive demonstration of TechForce, a video recording of Mr Bushnell interacts with space vehicles on the floor in front of the screen - each one seemingly responding to the voice of its creator. He goes on to initiate a game of three-dimensional space invaders. The eight aliens receive their orders from the TV set: your solitary defender must immobilize them before they reach you - ducking behind cover when they are about to fire.

My own efforts to oppose this onslaught lasted just 30 seconds and seemed about as ineffectual as my attempts on live television - a licensing opportunity that Bushnell has not been slow to exploit. In the case of TechForce, a live TV programme could bring the toys themselves to life.

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Shakespeare put in the shade

By David Guest

Shakespeare's vocabulary is estimated at about 5,000 words. The thrifty Racine, by contrast, made do with fewer than 1,000. But both are put in the shade by modern word processing programs.

During the past month three word processing packages have been launched with extensive lexicons that automatically check the typist's spelling. Volkswriter 3 has a lexicon of 170,000 words. IBM's Displaywrite 3 has 100,000 and Innovative Software's Smart program has 80,000 plus a thesaurus.

Spelling checkers have been available as adjuncts to word processing programs for several years, but their size and growing scope is beginning to put them into a new category. They belong in the class of software that the computer industry's marketing men find so hard to illuminate - expert systems.

This type of software commonly deals with more abstract subjects such as medical diagnoses or mineral prospecting. The common feature is their ability to give answers that spare their users a journey to the reference library. Spelling checkers are a simple example; so simple that they have so far escaped attention.

They offer expertise at two levels. First, there are the labours of the lexicographers whose works have been re-



corded on a floppy disc. Then there is the processing software that applies the spelling checker to the document being typed at the word processor.

IBM was unable to disclose the source of Displaywrite 3's words at the product's launch. It specified only that it was based on a 100,000 word UK dictionary. The Smart package is assembled from Merriam-Webster's Ninth New Collegiate. Lifetree Software's Volkswriter has the most interesting pedigree of the trio.

Lifetree's founder, Carmilo Wilson, says the lexicon has been compiled by ex-EEC linguists from 10 dictionaries, technical and general. This makes the product truly international - Wilson is Chilean,

his company is American, and the dictionary is European by adoption. It should embody substantial expertise.

Modern spelling checkers are not restricted to spelling. The Smart product is sensitive to punctuation and abbreviation and Volkswriter 3 will detect missing spaces. Both can spot lower case letters that should be capitals, words that have been repeated accidentally and incorrectly used prefixes and suffixes.

Volkswriter is also said to look at phonetics and misplaced letters in its checking process. In doing so it introduces an educational element: when it detects a mistake it delves into the dictionary to produce a list of the closest

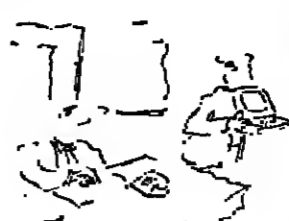
Amiga set for launch in Europe

Commodore is due to announce a European version of its Amiga micro in Frankfurt tomorrow. The success of this technically advanced computer is vital to the company which earlier this month reported a \$53 million loss for its second quarter compared to a \$3.2 million profit a year earlier.

With an expected price for the European Amiga of more than £1,000, Commodore is expected to emphasize its use as a business micro - unlike America, Europeans will not pay that sort of amount for anything perceived as purely a home computer.

More than half of medium-sized businesses are deterred from using electronic mail because of the incompatibility between different services says the electronic mail company One-to-One. It is suggesting that such services band together to set up direct links between different systems under a new organisation - the European Electronic Mail Association.

Companies which joined would be expected to promptly pass on messages received from other services and charge only the usual rate to subscribers. "Given the will," says Roger Dean of One-to-One, "our industry could achieve complete message interchange in months. All the technical problems were



"I'm borrowing it for the weekend to help me do my son's homework"

solved years ago when the various services linked up to the telex network.

British firms must "automate or liquidate", says the British Robot Association after it released figures showing that the sales of industrial robots in the UK fell for the first time last year. Despite expansion in West Germany, the US and Japan, only 565 robots were sold here in 1985 compared to 679 in 1984. West Germany has 8,000 industrial robots compared to Britain's 3,200.

Birmingham-based Apricot Computers dipped its corporate toe into the waters of the market for computers

that can handle several users last week as it announced the development of a multiple station computer based around its Xen business micro.

The system looks similar to the standard Xen computer but comes with two megabytes of computer memory, a minimum of 20 megabytes of hard disc computer storage,

expandable to 100 megabytes, and a 20 megabyte tape back-up cartridge. The base unit costs £5,000 and each terminal £1,000 with a monochrome screen and one megabyte of memory built in.

The company claims that this will move it into the super micro and low end mini computer market - offering a system which has high speed performance.

In a major blow to IBM, the US central tax agency, the Internal Revenue Service, has given a £20 million contract for 15,000 laptop portable computers to Zanith Data Systems. Industry experts after it released figures showing that the sales of industrial robots in the UK fell for the first time last year. Despite expansion in West Germany, the US and Japan, only 565 robots were sold here in 1985 compared to 679 in 1984. West Germany has 8,000 industrial robots compared to Britain's 3,200.

UK Events

Dexpo Europe 86, Olympia 2, London, today until Thursday.

Amstrad Computer Show, Novotel, Hammersmith, London, W6, March 7-9 (061-456 8835).

Amstrad Computer Show, New Century Hall, Manchester, March 22-23 (061-456 8835).

Info 86, Olympia, London, March 24-27 (01 647 1001). Computer Aided Design and Manufacturing Exhibition, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, April 9-10. Scottish Computer Show, Scottish Exhibition Centre, Glasgow, April 15-17 (01-891 5051).

Overseas Events

Cebit 86, Hannover Fair Complex, West Germany, March 12-19.

HP backs radical computer design

From Matthew May, San Francisco

The American computer firm Hewlett-Packard is to base most of its future computer products on a novel form of computer design that the industry is only beginning to accept.

So far this form of computer architecture, known as reduced instruction set computers (Risc), has been seen as largely relevant to specialist markets, such as engineering and science, where complex design and research programs need intensive computation.

The technology, developed over ten years ago by scientists at IBM, is based on research which showed that the majority of a computer's time is spent processing a relatively small number of simple instructions, twenty per cent of a computer's set of instructions would be used 80 per cent of the time.

It led to a design of computer architecture which builds simple instructions into the hardware of a machine and puts seldom-used instructions into software, thereby, say its advocates, making computers more powerful, reliable and cheaper.

Hewlett-Packard is to begin its switch to Risc technology with the launch of two high performance minicomputers for business applications and two others for engineering and factory automation. The first will not, however, be available until the middle of this year and the last in the middle of 1987.

Their early announcement will give the company time to reassure potential customers - particularly those for the business machines - who may feel they will end up as guinea pigs for the new technology in an industry, deeply cautious about changing such fundamentals as computer architecture.

John Young, president and chief executive of the company, firmly denies the suggestion that the complete switch to Risc is a major gamble. "At HP we are innovators, not gamblers," he said, pointing out that two-thirds of the developments in the new computers are not to do with the Risc technology. And, he pointed out, all the software for its current range of business computers can easily be converted for use on the two new business machines.

Other computer manufacturers will be watching HP's fortunes with great interest as the new machines are cheaper to build and maintain and should provide a sharp boost to Hewlett-Packard's profit margin. Being the first company to base an entire product range on Risc may be a gamble, but if mushrooming growth rates are to return to an industry that badly needs innovation, the rewards it reaps could be great.



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Time to put the board in the picture

By Richard Sarson

More and more managers and clerks are getting screens on their desks which give them facts and figures about their job. Members of a company's board are usually not so lucky.

They still go into board meetings with sheaves of paper full of rows and columns and indigestible numbers. Perhaps they would prefer the facts to be served up in charts and graphs to show key ratios and trends, not just raw numbers.

Financial directors can be guilty of either giving board members too much paper to find important figures hidden in a mass of details or they get so little they cannot pinpoint a trouble spot.

Geoffrey Kent, chairman of the Imperial Group, was one of those who felt he and his board needed better than this and since 1981 has built up a boardroom computer system to give a view of the company



Hi-tech business: ICL's computer-controlled meeting room

that can be as broad or as pinpointed as it wants.

To do this a team converted budgets, five-year plans, monthly accounting returns and economic trends into a computer library of 2,000 graphs and tables. The board members can select any of these and browse through them at their desks. Recently the system was extended to the boardroom so that charts can be brought up on a projection screen - in full colour of course.

Imperial's boardroom system was put in by Metapracis of Kingston with prices starting at about £25,000. ICL also believes there is a market for intelligent computerized boardrooms and sells a unique octagonal shaped meeting room complete with hi-tech equipment called the Pod. But with a staggering price tag of more than £100,000 it has so far only managed to sell one.

Intelligent boardrooms are a development of the ideas of Winston Churchill's cabinet war room, although the technology is no longer obtrusive, say the developers. An intelligent boardroom, it is argued, can give facts in a painless way, hopefully leading them to better decisions. It could even help them to argue their case better to merchant bankers in the crises of commercial life such as takeover bids - perhaps this was why Geoffrey Kent decided to extend his company's system to the boardroom last autumn.

Countdown to a controlled bang

By David Guest

A slow fuse is burning down to have to take a speculative position on the delivery of systems.

Two companies at opposite ends of the spectrum represent the computer industry's response. Tandem, the multinational which has become popular among computer users in the financial sector with fault-tolerant systems and specialization in transaction processing, has allied itself with two other specialists in a venture called Consultants to the City.

FDS Microsystems, a much smaller operation but with a background in computer services to the City, has launched a system that can be extended in scope and size on demand. Tandem, Admiral Computing, and C&P Technology - Consultants to the City -

came together late last year on the understanding that three heads are better than one. Between them they claim to be able to offer everything from desk design to advanced computer hardware, and the consultancy to apply it at the right point.

FDS Microsystems' Multiview is aimed at a particular sector of the market - small and medium-sized brokers, and fund managers in large organizations. It uses the IBM PC as a building block and its purpose is to enable brokers to make the best use of the technology and services available.

A Multiview system is a network of PCs into which information services like Topic and Datastream are fed. Each user has a keyboard, a PC and one or two screens.

The system is administered by a PC system unit and more system units act as the turbines through which the information services enter the network.

The software organizes incoming data for the user and allows him or her to build up a view of an immediate area of concern. It will also monitor the market automatically while the PC is used on another task, triggering an alert if, for example, a user's stop-loss condition is reached.

The network can accommodate between 30 and 200 terminals and FDS also offers consultancy services and network maintenance. It promises to protect its users from having to tangle with the information vendors and with British Telecom.

On screen faster than ever before

By Frank Brown

An optical processor capable of operating 1,000 times faster than present processors will be one of the highlights of this year's Hannover Fair CeBIT (Office and Information Technology) Exhibition. The event, which opens on March 12 for eight days, will be the largest information technology exhibition in the world with more than 2,000 exhibitors from 26 countries, including more than 100 from the UK.

Exhibitors will cover virtually every aspect of office, information and communications technologies, including R&D, products, systems, and networks and special sections on banking and security, computer integrated manufacturing, software and personal computing.

The new optical processor will be one of many prototype exhibits in the Exhibition's R&D section where academic and research establishments from many parts of the world, including two from the UK, will be demonstrating the results of their work.

The device has been developed by the European Joint Optical Bistability (EJOB) Project, one of a number of EEC-funded research programmes that will be featured on the European Commission's stand.

EJOB was established last year to co-ordinate the efforts of eight European Laboratories and Research Teams in developing a digital optical parallel computer that will revolutionize present processing technology, particularly in artificial intelligence, optical image processing, and optical networking.

The EJOB project has given Europe a strong lead in optical processing over its competitors in the US and Japan. It is due to end later this year and the availability of further funds will depend on the willingness of the industry to provide support for a follow-up project.

Another push to a hi-tech frontier

By Peter Purton

The computer has worked its way through a number of technologies in its relatively short life. It now seems set to see yet another one off and the change may prove to be the most spectacular offering the potential for building computers a million times more powerful than those available.

The one thing common to all of the current technologies on which computers are based is that they all rely on the transfer of electrical charge for their signals. Scientists in Edinburgh, however, are now working on a crude computing subsystem which dispenses with electricity as a signal medium and uses light in its place - the optical computer.

Silicon chips have enabled the design of machines capable of processing three or four million instructions a second. Optical switching components have been demonstrated which can switch at speeds approaching tenths of billions of a second and researchers believe this speed can be increased a hundred-fold.

But the most exciting prospect which optical computer technology holds is based on the non-interfering nature of light. Individual optical components may be able to cope with thousands or even millions of parallel information paths at the same time.

If the paths of two or more electrical signals become close they will interfere with each other. With light, a huge number of signals may travel in closest proximity, even crossing each other's paths without causing interference. The eye, for instance, may detect all of the light rays which are reflected from an object, despite whatever other light sources may be present, and use the information to reconstruct a perfect image of the object.

The basic building block of the optical computer is the transphosor - an optical equivalent of the transistor.

The operation of the transphosor is based on the properties of certain crystals. In these crystals, of which 23 have been found to date, the refractive index, which determines the rate by which light is slowed as it passes through a material, can be altered by changes in the intensity of light.

But before transphosors can be used to build optical computers a number of problems must be overcome. Some have

already been tackled. The first transphosors built at Edinburgh's Heriot-Watt University, for example, needed to be operated at temperatures a few hundreds of degrees below the freezing point of water in order that the active material, indium antimonide, displayed the right characteristics.

Now the Heriot-Watt team, under the leadership of Professor Desmond Smith, has found other materials such as zinc selenide which will operate at more convenient temperatures. The team has also been able to show that simple digital circuits can be built by connecting individual devices.

As young as it is, the field of optical computer development is not without controversy. "There is a group of people centred around Bell Laboratories in the US who try to pretend that gallium arsenide is the answer," says Professor Smith. "There is no scientific evidence to pretend that gallium arsenide will be any better than our own materials. No one has yet made a gallium arsenide device which exhibits gain, is of steady state and is cascable," he claims.

One critic of Professor Smith's work is John Midwinter, Professor of opto-electronics at University College London. He believes that the technology being applied by the Heriot-Watt team may lead to devices capable of switching in times close to hundreds of billions of a second but that they would have to wait for as long as a millionth of a second before being able to be switched again, a period similar to that which can be expected from the cheapest silicon chips.

Professor Smith, however, claims that his team has demonstrated recovery times in the region of a thousandth of a millionth of a second.

Professor Midwinter is not yet convinced that a general purpose computer based on optical technology may be possible but he does see applications for optical switching devices in communications applications. But Professor Smith remains firmly convinced of the potential of his transphosor as the basis of a universal processor. "The first universal processor is a few years away," he admits, "but working components for the research worker will be available from us by the end of this year."

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RUGBY UNION: ENGLAND STILL HAVE PROBLEMS

Schuster is key to battle royal

By Brian Glanville

The long-postponed confrontation between Bernd Schuster and his wife could not have come at a worse time for the Barcelona manager...

Vembles, who has shown a Joe-like patience all season, made a symbolic gesture in releasing Schuster...

Schuster has been having laser beam treatment. If he is fit, he will surely play tomorrow, but who knows in what physical, not to mention psychological, condition he will be...

The striker, Bratschi, whom Liverpool found so difficult to handle on the Turin ice in the Super Cup a year ago, has returned after long absence through injury to give a further boost to the team...

Under-21 squad face Cup calls
England's attempt to win the European Cup for the first time since 1982 will be tested by the fixtures backing...

(Brian Glanville is Football Correspondent of the Sunday Times)



Souness impressed by England

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Graeme Souness, the captain of Scotland, yesterday briefly changed national allegiance and joined the growing band of those who are optimistic about England's fate in the World Cup finals...

Cardiff City's owners, Kenton Utilities, have indicated that this will be the last season in which they will support the club, which is losing around £5,000 a week...

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West Bromwich have transferred Gary Birtles and Mickey Thomas, because they have refused to move in order to live near the Hawthorns...

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Cardiff City to be put up for sale

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Cardiff City's owners, Kenton Utilities, have indicated that this will be the last season in which they will support the club, which is losing around £5,000 a week...

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Oxford in mood for good result

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Oxford United, who are attempting to reach Wembley for the first time in their history, are taking a positive approach to Villa Park for tonight's Milk Cup semi-final first leg...

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Simms looks unlikely for vital game with France

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The hamstring injury to Kevin Simms, England's centre, sustained during the game against Ireland on Saturday, not only prevents him from appearing for the Barbarians against the East Midlands tomorrow at Northampton but casts doubt over his availability for England's championship match against France on March 15...

Looking further ahead it may also affect the England squad which takes part in the international seven's tournament in Sydney on March 22 to 23. Simms is a member of the 11-strong party named to travel to Australia under the management of Martin Green, the England coach...

Irish bemoan loss of an art
While Old Bushmill may have been in short supply late on Saturday night and early Sunday morning at the Irish headquarters in London, advice to solve the problems that beset Irish rugby was plentiful both from past internationals and from those who were not so many years ago bore responsibility for team selection...

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Art of the touch judge

By David Hands

The art of refereeing has long been recognized, increasingly, however, the art of touch-judging is acknowledged as requiring different qualities. The extent of the team work between Clive Ricketts and the Welsh match-officials during England's game with Ireland at Twickenham on Saturday, and his touch judges Derek Bevan and Ken Rowlands, was quite obvious and never more so than in the second minute when Mr Norling had to disallow a try which had already been awarded to Mike Harrison...

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BOXING: BRITAIN'S CONTENDER INTO THE LAST STRETCH ON THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROAD

Bruno's mettle will be put to test against Coetzee

By Sri Kumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Everybody's money is on Frank Bruno. Fans and experts alike say he just cannot lose to Gerrie Coetzee...



Riding high: Bruno is the people's favourite against Coetzee

having the American almost on his feet in the eighth; he lost to Renaldo Snipes on a split decision after flooring the American twice...

Ring records

Table with 2 columns: Boxer Name and Record Details. Includes Gerrie Coetzee (Born: 4 August, 1955) and Frank Bruno (Born: 16 November, 1961).

CRICKET: ITINERARY OFFERS NO LET-UP

England's players must not look for excuses

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Port-of-Spain

Believing, or at least hoping, that their form and fortunes can only get better, England meet West Indies for another one-day international here today...

Probably the best that can be hoped for today is a crowd of 10,000 in favourable circumstances...

Day of rain

Christchurch (AP) - Only 95 minutes of play, either side of lunch, was possible on the fourth day of the second Test between New Zealand and Australia...

Table with cricket statistics including 'England vs West Indies' and 'Australia vs New Zealand' with columns for runs, wickets, and overs.

Blowing whistle on England

To spend one's first day in any new country is to shatter a cluster of preconceptions; but to arrive in Trinidad was like missing a step in the dark...

This may well have changed when the international matches start, but many feel it would be an act of betrayal...

Multi-racialism does not mean equality for black boxers in South Africa

Body blows from reformers still not enough

Johannesburg. With an appetite for international sporting achievement made all the keener by their country's growing isolation...

Black boxing promoters believe white businessmen have reversed some of the advances already made...

element was never more evident than in this fight. The targeted black boxer was easily leaving the white man...

ATHLETICS

Sprinters are a world apart

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Allan Wells and Mike McFarlane were inseparable when they finished the last Commonwealth Games...

organizing committee said that sponsorship was well on the way to the £12.8 million...

TENNIS

Chance to move out of an orbit

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

During the five weeks from April 14 to May 18 the glamour of the international tour will be concentrated in Amelia Island (Florida)...

Nystrom too good for Noah

La Quinta, California. (Reuters) - Joakim Nystrom, of Sweden, the fifth seed, outclassed a listless Yannick Noah...

ROWING

Trembling in the role of favourites

By Jim Raitton

Ever since the Boat Race sponsors, Ladbrokes, made Cambridge favourites for this year's race, the pressure has been telling on the Light Blues...

RUGBY LEAGUE

Salford lay on carpet exhibition

By Keith Macklin

Salford, who are planning to lay an artificial pitch at the end of the season, will play Widnes on such a surface in an exhibition match...

ICE HOCKEY

Brawling players get just deserts

By a Correspondent

Nottingham and Ayr fought it out on Saturday and received the most penalties ever awarded for on-ice incidents...

One giant too many for Jordan

Oakland (AP) - Chris Lloyd ended Kathy Jordan's giant-killing spree with a 6-2, 6-4 victory in the final of the \$100,000 Virginia Slims of California tournament...

Lloyd's key weapons on the medium-fast carpet in the Oakland Coliseum Arena were pinpoint lob and crisp crosscourt passing shots...

Caribbean leave

The under-18s Middlesex school boys had had their contract cancelled by mutual consent...

Ballesteros out

Savannah, Georgia (AP) - Severiano Ballesteros has withdrawn from the TPA Atlantic Coast golf tournament...

Gold on ice

Sapporo (AP) - The South Korean speed skater Ben Yoon beat Akira Kuroiwa of Japan...

Turner cash flow

Mike Turner, the secretary-manager of the Lancashire County Cricket Club, received £46,300 from his testimonial...

SNOOKER
Davis sees White as biggest threat

By Sydney Frislin
Steve Davis considers Jimmy White to be his main rival for the world title...

Davis left London by air yesterday morning for a tour of Muscat and Hong Kong along with other members of the World Cup team...

BASKETBALL
Leicester's delight and dread

By Nicholas Harling
A Wembley place later this month beckons Leicester, but it will find itself a new sponsor...

The curious state of affairs was confirmed at the weekend by the club's chairman, Chris Worcester...

Walker are not renewing their two-year £70,000 annual sponsorship, which had been preceded by two years' support from Planters...

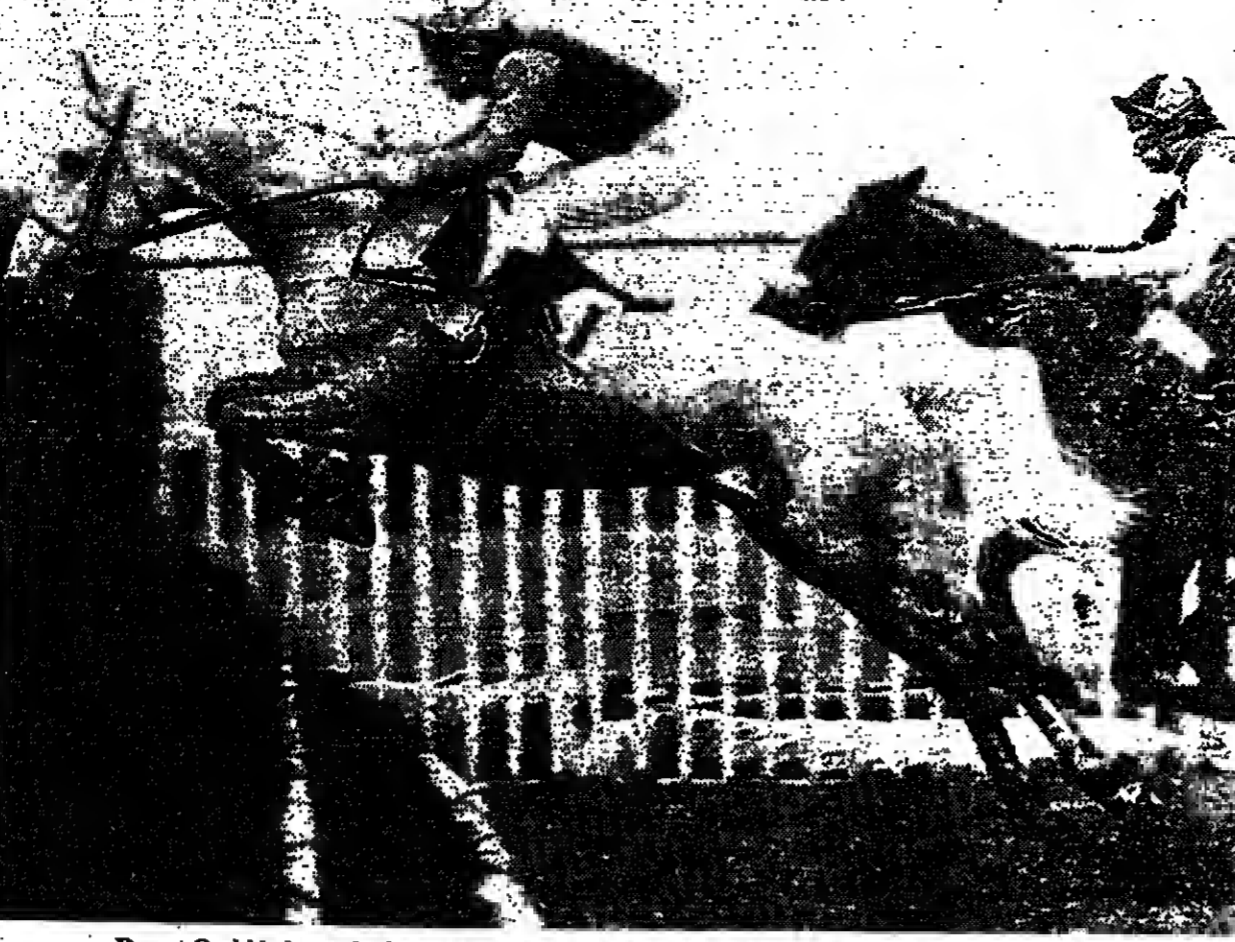
Sponsorship is needed to purchase and pay American players without whom Leicester would have no intention of carrying on...

Leicester are one of many clubs envying the kind of sponsorship financing the two top clubs, United and Team Polycell Kingston...

That is certainly true since Leicester, who reached the national championship play-off finals at Wembley last year...

Birmingham Bulls were another team to waste a lead, in their case one of 32-42 at half-time against Portsmouth...

RACING: AMBITIOUS PLAN FOR ELSWORTH'S CRACK NOVICE



Desert Orchid shows the jumping prowess that has made him one of the season's leading novices

Champion chance for Desert Orchid

By Phil McLennan
David Elsworth may run his crack novice, Desert Orchid, in the Queen Mother Challenge Cup at the Cheltenham Festival...

Restart unlikely before Friday

Despite the promise that racing in this country is unlikely to resume before Friday, the meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been abandoned because of frost...

O'Neill to test Dawn Run in racecourse school

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin
It is long odds-on that John O'Neill will be the partner of Dawn Run in the Gold Cup...

placed behind Bobline and at the revised weights Dudie is now 11lb better off with Lurry's latest for a better of eight lengths. At Gowran Park in the middle of February, DUDIE stayed on well to finish fourth to another Brownie and could turn up here at a nice price...

As a starter to an afternoon when he is strongly represented through the programme Mullins and his son Tony could win the Cabinteely Five-Year-Old Maiden Hurdle with NOIR SHODDIE, whom is competing over jumps for the first time...

The stewards at the last meeting here held a protracted enquiry into the riding of Willie Mullins on KISSANE. This well-backed runner had come from an impossible position to finish third to Lurchmont and Mullins in his defence offered the explanation that the horse had been told to ride the horse in a very different manner than previously...

Racing results and selections for Leopardstown, including sections for 2.30 Cabinteely 5-Y-O Maiden Hurdle, 4.30 Ffirmount Handicap Hurdle, 5.0 Harcourt Novice Chase, 5.0 Kilgobbin Opportunity USD Handicap Chase, 5.30 Hillcrest Hurdle, and 4.0 Foxrock Cup Extended Handicap Chase.

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GLC can give grants lasting beyond its own abolition

Regina v Greater London Council, Ex parte Westminster City Council and Others Before Mr Justice Macpherson (Judgment given March 3)
Until it was abolished the Greater London Council retained its wide powers and there was nothing to prevent it from using its revenue for lawful purposes even if the expenditure would benefit the recipient for a period which extended beyond the date of abolition...

Mr Justice Macpherson so held in the Queen's Bench Division dismissing an application by the Westminster City Council and seven other councils in Greater London for judicial review of decisions of the GLC to provide for payments to a number of voluntary and community organizations...

Mr Roger Henderson, QC, Mr Charles George and Mr Andrew Gwynne for the Councils. Mr Collins, QC and Mr Mark Lowe for the applicants.
MR JUSTICE MACPHERSON said that there was no allegation, or certainly no suggestion, that the GLC had acted upon 'ultra vires' principles. Whatever might be the political views upon the decisions impugned in this case, there was no doubt that the overall financial effect of them had been most carefully scrutinized at every stage...

In his Lordship's judgment it could not be said that what was termed 'forward-funding' achieved by payments made now in order to ensure the transition of specific recipients to the new era were illegal in form or in substance. If payment now ensured the life and viability of an organization for the coming months or even beyond such a period there was no illegality, provided each case was considered on its merits.

Police need not disclose observation post secrets in court
Regina v Rankine Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Mann and Sir Roger Ormrod (Judgment given March 3)
The long-established rule that police or other investigating officers could not be required to disclose the sources of their information applied to protect the identity of a person who had allowed his premises to be used for surveillance...

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of Elision Rankine against his conviction on July 10, 1985, for possession of drugs. Inner London Crown Court (Judge Crowther, QC and a jury) of unlawful supply of a controlled drug, contrary to section 4(3)(a) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971...

Mr Roger Offenbach, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Paul Purcell, QC, and Mr Hugh Torrance for the Crown.
MR JUSTICE MANN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the prosecution case was that on March 14, 1985, on 10 occasions in an hour the appellant was seen selling cannabis outside a shop in Railton Road, Brixton.

That raised a point of general importance. The Lords were told that surveillance was a vital form of criminal intelligence and that much of it was carried out from static positions in business premises or private houses. Such positions could not be occupied without the cooperation of members of the public. Their Lordships readily understood that members of the public would be unwilling to cooperate if the identity of their premises was disclosed in court.

Correction
In Gordon and another v Sica Co Ltd and another (The Times February 26), the solicitors for the plaintiffs were Sebastian Coleman & Co. and not Geoffrey Levine & Co. The second plaintiff was Mrs Amy Tevelra.

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Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Deceaf AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank...

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Ann...

ITV LONDON

8.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 The 10.30 Play School...

LEN HARDING: BORN A NUMBER

NUMBER (TV, 10.30pm) brings up to date John Willis's 1979 exposure...

CHOICE

New world was, but at least it was a place where he could shed tears...

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.55 Open University Science - rocks and magnets. Ends at 7.23.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: Mr Robinson Casanova (1935) starring Douglas Fairbanks...

Radio 4

5.55 Shipping 6.00 News. 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer (1).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.

Radio 2

6.00 News. 6.30 pm and 8.30. Cricket: West Indies v England.

Radio 1

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30 pm, 7.30 and 8.30.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 News. 7.00 News. 7.00 Twenty-Four Hours.



Nigel Terry in Excalibur. Channel 4, 9.00pm

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

Worship 12.18 Close. TVS As London except 6.25 TVS. 11.30.12.05am Tales from the Underworld.

ENTERTAINMENTS

APOLLO VICTORIA. 6.00-6.30. STARLIGHT EXPRESS. A MUSICAL THAT SURPRISED EVERYONE.

ST MARTIN'S. 8.30. THE MOUSETRAP. JERRY IN THE MIDDLE. THE MUSICAL.

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MPs to examine petrol prices

By David Young Energy Correspondent

The link between world crude oil prices and what the motorist pays for petrol is to be examined by the all-party Commons Energy Committee.

The motoring organizations say that petrol prices are not falling fast enough. Forecourt prices average 17.5p a gallon.

Defiant Palestinians bury a new saint



The body of the assassinated Mayor of Nablus, Zafer al-Masri, covered in the outlawed Palestinian flag, being taken to the tomb.

From Ian Murray Nablus

They held a Palestinian state funeral for their murdered mayor here yesterday. Chanting, clapping and whistling, they laid Zafer al-Masri to rest to the tears and cheers of 20,000 and more in the streets of this city.

West Bank had been arriving. The bells of the Christian churches rang out discordantly as the chants from the megaphones in the many minarets ceaselessly called across the shattered city.

like a happy football crowd than a funeral march, mostly young people carrying banners shouting out first for the dead mayor and then for the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The coffin disappeared beneath the heaving crowd. Suddenly, with no ceremony, out came the body, wrapped in white sheeting like a mummy. Blood from the fatal bullet wound had made a stain near the head.

Throughout the Israeli occupying army kept a very low profile on one or two strategic rooftops. The soldiers brought in the body of the young man from the refugee camp in a UN ambulance when most of the crowd was at the mosque.

Letter from Northern Philippines

Crying for a lost political father

When news of the downfall of President Marcos was heard in the northern capital of Laoag, people wept in the streets. For all the cities in the Philippines, Laoag had been the most favoured with presidential patronage.

There is a five-star hotel with 126 bedrooms and more arched built, a few miles from town. The only guests last weekend were a handful of foreign journalists.

There was, perhaps surprisingly, a victory procession to celebrate the accession of Mrs Aquino. A stream of cars bedecked in yellow ribbons ran through the streets.

"It was not that he threatened me... but there were 50 people there, and I felt feelings humiliated and depressed. He certainly neutralized me on election day. The feeling was one of hopelessness."

Michael Hamlyn

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

- Royal engagements: Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, attends an Industrial Soiree at the Royal Society, London, 8.30pm.
- Princess Anne opens an exhibition of craftwork at St Mary's Tradescant, Church, London, 12, and later attends a reception at the Mansion House, London, 6.30pm.

- West Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6 (ends March 4).
- Music: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra: Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, 7.30.

- TV top ten: National top ten television programmes in the week ending 23 February.
- 1 Eastenders (Thu/Sun) 22.75m
- 2 Eastenders (Thu/Sun) 22.45m

- Roads: London and South-east: A13 Lodge Lane flyover between Barling and Dagenham closed.
- London: M5 Northbound lane closed between Astbury and Plymouth.

- Parliament today: Commons (2.30): Housing (Scotland) Bill, remaining readings.
- Lords (2.30): Drug Trafficking Offences Bill, second reading.

- The pound: Bank: 2.84, 2.84, 2.84
- Anniversaries: Births: Antonio Vivaldi, Venice, 1678.

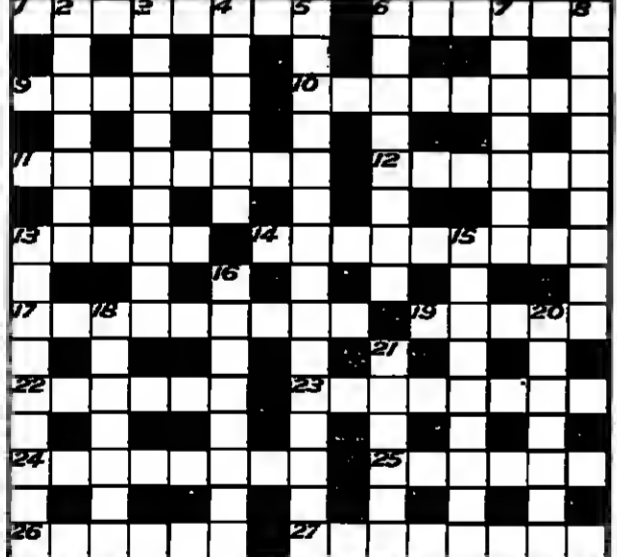
Weather forecast: Troughs of low pressure will move from the W across all parts. 6 am to midnight.

London, SE, Cen S, E England, Midlands, E Anglia: Cloudy or dull, outbreaks of rain spreading E but snow in places at first; wind S to SW moderate or fresh but strong later; max temp 10C (48F).

High Tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.04	3.4	7.48	3.5
Averbury	12.03	10.6	12.38	10.3
Baiton	4.31	1	12.23	6.6

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,984



- ACROSS: 1 Instrumental in broaching wine (8).
- 6 Vessels circulating for instance in pubs (6).
- 9 Disclose 19 pictures (6).
- 10 Heard from river, a satisfied lark (8).
- 11 Bank beside American railway lines (8).
- 12 Super speller (6).
- 13 By the sound of it, want to work (5).
- 14 Fat round the middle, thin to port (5,4).
- 17 Smartened scruffy shopkeepers (9).
- 19 Was about to be a ghost (5).
- 22 Walk with unsteady gait to get hamper (6).
- 23 Fortified chap I met in Tours (8).
- 24 It's well-known outside if I give information (8).
- 25 Islander provides some secret anchorages (6).
- 26 Fish swallowing 18 get thinner (6).
- 27 Very large dog returns without prizes (8).

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Portfolio: Portfolio is now to stay.

Non-industrial record for daily Portfolio total.

Around Britain

Area	Sun	Rain	Max	Min
East Coast	2.7	4.39	bright	4.39
South Coast	3.5	6.37	sun	6.37
West Coast	3.5	6.37	sun	6.37

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